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Taking on a new profile

Waveland seats Democratic board

This is the first in a three-part series profiling the new Board of Aldermen in the City of Waveland.

BY BETSY GAGNET

Although he is a new face in Waveland city government, Ward 1 Alderman Milton Bernard cites his experience with the city's Public Works Department as the reason he ran for office in the first place.

"The reason I ran was because during my service with the city as Superintendent of Streets, I saw things that needed to be done," said Bernard, who worked in the department for three years. "That's not say-

ing things were not getting done, but I thought I could make a contribution."

A lifelong resident of Waveland, Bernard also brings the experience of seeing the city grow and progress, especially in recent years. With three different administrations serving the city in the past eight years, Bernard said the city is now trying to find its path.

"I grew up under basically two administrations. During my life in Waveland, Garfield Ladner was synonymous with mayor and then John Longo as alderman under Garfield and as mayor," he said. "We're in

our third administration since Longo and it seems Waveland is trying to find a direction with this new administration."

Part of the progress Bernard said he would like to see is more community development which would bring increased sales tax revenue.

"Bay St. Louis and Waveland have never been challenged with the things they are challenged with today," said Bernard, explaining the challenge is to bring positive progress. "I hope that in the process of this administration we would recognize that and strive to meet the needs of the

citizens."

His role in bringing that progress, said Bernard, is to work as a liaison between his constituents and the city.

With his fellow board members, two of them also new to their positions, Bernard hopes to bring a new perspective to addressing some of the big issues facing the city such as drainage and sewerage.

"We have a good group. Each (board member) brings into the administration a different perspective," he said. "Each perspective can be used as a positive tool to move Waveland forward."



Milton Bernard

District rejects building bids

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County's Water and Sewer District has rejected bids on its office building and warehouse.

The District met Monday, and received only two bids on the facility, planned behind the Human Resources Building off Longfellow Road.

District Administrator Pam Gauthreaux said the bids were well over the \$150,000 estimated cost for the facility. R.A. Blackledge of Gulfport submitted the low bid \$209,646 and Professional Construction of New Orleans bid \$284,240.

Gauthreaux said a new bid package will be advertised, with some modifications. Architect Dave Favre drew up the initial design, and District Engineer Duke Levy wrote up the specs.

And the winners are...

As a part of the Hancock County's Red Ribbon Christmas Celebration, the Chamber encouraged business owners to decorate the outside of their business during the holiday season.

Overall winners in the decorating contest were John McDonald Realty, Kid Company, Bookends and Trendsetters, all located near the Bay St. Louis bridge.

Individual honorable mention winners were Gifts by the Bay, Bay Seafood, Ashman, Mollere, and Baytown Inn.

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TIDES

WEEK OF 12-27-98

DAY	HIGH	LOW
Sun.	8:17 p.	10:20 a.
Mon.	8:26 p.	7:19 a.
Tue.	8:55 p.	7:41 a.
Wed.	9:34 p.	8:21 a.
Thur.	10:18 p.	9:07 a.
Fri.	11:02 p.	9:53 a.
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Lessons of the season

Coast Episcopal students presented the seasonal "Festival of Lessons and Carols" Thursday, Dec. 17, at Christ Episcopal Church. Over 90 students, ages 5-11, under the direction of Kim Cheek, Ray Kutos and Vicky Heidingsfelder, performed the pageantry of the Christmas season through skits and songs. Pictured are Drew Brister, Evan O'Leary, Haley Williams, Marisha Pizzoloto, Pearson Potts, Taylor Hardenstein, and Kirsten Ishikawa. (Photo by Sara Benvenuti)

Chamber assesses survey results to plan for future

BY B. R. HAWKINS

The Economic Development Committee of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce recently released a preliminary brochure that presents a snapshot look at the county's quality of life, education, employment and training opportunities through the eyes of its business leaders.

Results from a survey involving some 63 businesses, compiled by Chuck Ueltschey and Claire Dugger of Mississippi Power Company, gave the chamber a place to start in developing strategies and approaches to future economic development activities.

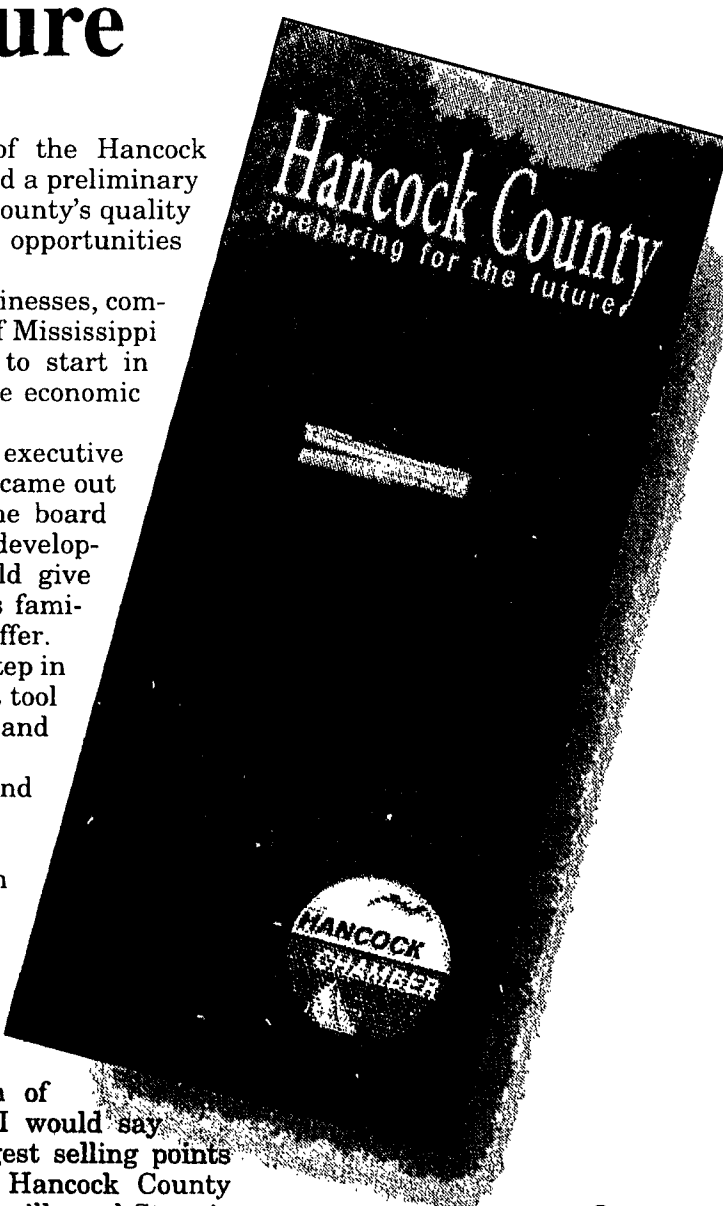
"This brochure is a first step," said chamber executive director, Amy Gregory. "The idea of a brochure came out of work done in last year's board retreat. The board knew the county needed a strong economic development tool — a viewbook of sorts, that would give potential industries and businesses as well as families, a clear picture of what the county has to offer."

"This preliminary brochure is just the first step in the creation of a useful and strong recruitment tool similar to brochures used by Jackson County and other successful development programs."

Gregory referenced the successes the Port and Harbor Commission has had in establishing a solid infrastructure capable of supporting a diverse span of industries. "I would say the two biggest selling points we have in Hancock County are Port Bienville and Stennis Airpark," Gregory said, "Industries have easy, well-developed access to water, rail, truck and air transportation."

Type of Business

Type of Business	Frequency	Percent
Manufacturing	8	12.7
Service	16	25.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	16	25.4
Retail	7	11.1
Government	4	6.3
Total	51	100.0



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Corporate programs, high enrollment bolster community education

BY B.R. HAWKINS

Hancock County's Adult Community Education Program has had a very busy 1998, according to director Gaynell Roberts. "Both fall and winter sessions brought increase in participation. Since the initial January 1997 session, attendance has exceeded 400 adults registering for each session," she said.

Roberts announced at a meeting of the Hancock County School Board recently, the September 1998 fall session hit an all-time high of 467 participants. "The total impact of all the sessions has surpassed 2,000 persons, including students, instructors and volunteers," she said.

She said participation is expected to continue to be impressive, based on the results of the two surveys conducted during the year. Survey results revealed that over 90 percent of the adult learners plan to

enroll in another community education course in the near future.

The surveys also indicated that participants traveled to the two high school locations, Hancock High and Bay High from both Waveland and Bay St. Louis and from most sections of the county to attend classes.

Communities represented in the sampling included Clermont Harbor, Lakeshore, Kiln, Caesar, Bayou Phillips, Deaux, Catahoula, Rocky Hill, Standard, Fenton, Necaise Crossing, Pearlinton, White Cypress and Ansley.

Three percent of the adult learners came from communities outside of Hancock County, such as Steep Hollow, Delisle, Long Beach, Gulfport, Pascagoula, Gautier, Picayune, Poplarville, Pass Christian, Slidell, New Orleans and Theodore, Ala.

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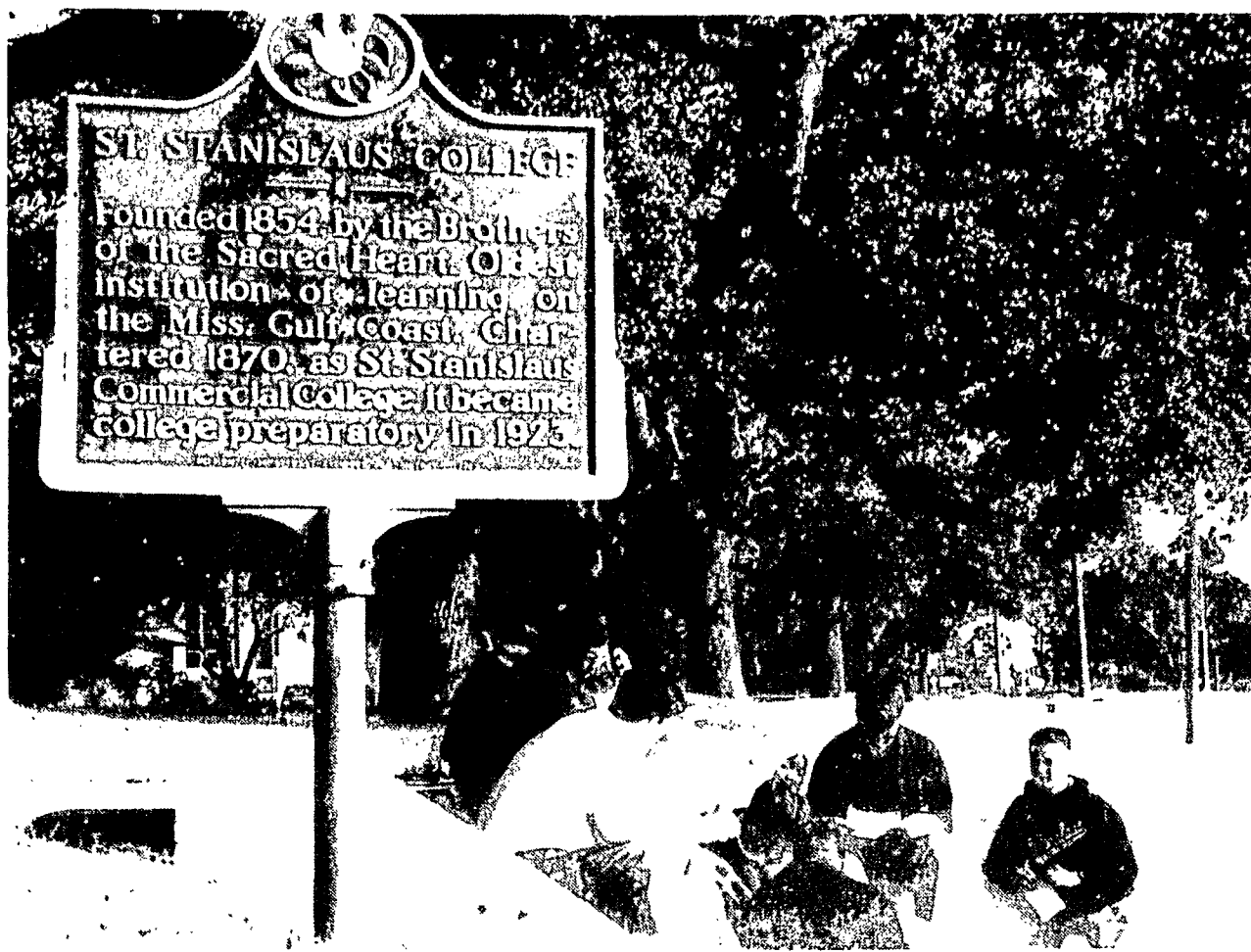
Quality of Life

Hancock County as a place to live and work.

	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Availability	12	25	7	1	3
Quality	11	24	7	3	2
Quality of Ambulance Service	11	24	8	1	4
Availability of Physicians	12	23	10	1	2
Total	46	96	32	6	11

	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Quality of Fire Protection	16	20	3	2	1
Quality of Police Protection	16	20	4	1	0
Total	32	55	7	3	1

	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Cultural Programs (Art, Theater, etc.)	1			10	2
Recreational Activities					
Total	9	32	35	14	5



SSC Student Ministry


St. Stanislaus seniors Joey Slipher and Mikey Rhinehart call to mind names and faces of best friends with their group of eighth graders. Joey and Mikey work with Ben McMath, Zachary Mellen, Peter Murphy, Robert Reso, Nathan Sison, Samuel Tart, James Terrell and Hunter Vaughn.

Ministry positive influence.

The St. Stanislaus Student Ministry program is a year-long experience designed to build Christian leadership skills, enhancing a student's personal and spiritual awareness through training, development and service to others.

The eighth grade class and the senior student ministers work together on a bi-monthly basis during religion classes. They began the meetings with a fun-and-games activity and enjoyed some time discussing the topic of "friendship." The boys discuss various topics related to teenage life.

"We are preparing for the seventh and eighth grade class retreats which will happen at the beginning of the next semester. The student ministers will facilitate and moderate both retreats," said Adrienne Quinlan, campus minister and coordinator of the Student Ministry program. "The boys do a lot behind the scenes and are great to have around."



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Translating New Year's resolutions

By Charles Proudfit

Every year during the holidays, it's a tradition for us to set resolutions for the coming year. They're typically personal to ourselves or our family, and they range from losing weight, to improving a marriage, to pursuing a new hobby.

As the new year proceeds, we often grow frustrated upon discovering that our resolutions aren't coming true.

Perhaps we failed to set workable resolutions, or failed to follow through on them. In any case, our frustration often leads us to abandon the resolutions rather than revisit them.

To make matters worse, we often neglect to set professional as well as personal new year's resolutions. It's easy for a small business person to forget that the new year is a perfect opportunity to revitalize our corporations and our careers.

Let's take a few minutes to examine the key traits of effective new year's resolutions, whether they be professional or personal.

Traits of effective New Year's resolutions:

1. Resolutions must be specific.

It's not enough to say that we want our businesses to "get better results," or our careers to "get back on the fast track." We need to specify the area(s) in which progress will occur.

For example, next year we may want our business to increase its gross sales or after-tax profits; or we may want ourselves to get a raise or promotion.

2. Resolutions must be

measurable.

It's not enough to say that we want business after-tax profits, or our salary, to increase "a lot." We need to state a measurable increment of improvement. For example, next year we may want business after-tax profits to increase by 15 percent; or we may want our salary to increase by 10 percent.

3. Resolutions must be actionable.

It's not realistic to establish resolutions that are almost beyond the realm of possibility, even though we want them to be rightfully challenging. We need to make sure that the specific, measurable improvements we state in our resolutions are probably achievable with sustained hard work. The best way to do this is to carefully (not arbitrarily) establish our increments of improvement.

4. Resolutions must be consistent.

We're often encouraged to separate our personal and professional lives, but this doesn't make sense when it comes to resolutions. It's highly unlikely that we can single-handedly create the fastest growing business in our community, and simultaneously be the most involved spouse, the most involved parent, and the most involved charitable volunteer.

We must make sure that we have a good shot at achieving both our personal and professional resolutions; we must make sure that all of our resolutions are consistent with each other.

5. Resolutions must be pursued.

Establishing resolutions is only the first step, not the final one. We must act on our resolutions or they are worth little more than the paper on which they are written. We often hesitate to pursue resolutions because deep down inside we aren't confident that we can achieve them.

This year, remember that if you have established resolutions that are specific, measurable, actionable and consistent, then you've earned the right to believe in them.

In conclusion, keep in mind that many of the new year's resolutions that you set for your business or career may be the very same objectives you want for a business plan.

The start of a new calendar year is often an ideal time to prepare an annual business plan, and you'll be a step ahead if you have already thought through your professional resolutions.

Charles Proudfit is a principal with SkillSource, a consulting firm that specializes in small business development.

American Cancer Society

Assistance to victims of cancer is available through Hancock and Harrison county chapters of the American Cancer Society.

Necessary items for patients, such as dressings, ostomy and sick-room supplies are available to those in need. Equipment which may be loaned to patients includes wheelchairs and hospital beds.



New members

During a candlelight ceremony Nov. 30, Beta Club sponsor Kay Lovelace welcomed 54 new members into the Hancock High School Beta chapter. The inductees raised the membership roll to an outstanding 100 members, the largest number that Hancock High School has enlisted since it became a charter member of the National Beta Club. During the ceremony, club officers spoke about the importance of service and commitment, as well as academic excellence. Beta Club, one of the most active clubs on campus, performs numerous community and school services throughout the year. Officers for the 1998-99 school year include, from left, Mariana Evans, vice president; Justina Merwin, secretary; Jessica Blackmon, president; Tammy Estapa, treasurer; and Stacy Weaver, scrapbook chairman.

BIRTHS

RYLEE BANDREA SWILLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Swilley of Pass Christian announce the birth of their first child, Rylee Dandrea, November 27, 1998 at 12:48 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Mrs. Swilley is the former Desiree Ladner.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd (Deborah) Naquin of Carriere and Mr. Windell Ladner of Pass Christian.

Paternal grandparents are

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy (Cotton) Swilley of Pass Christian.

Great-grandparents include Ms. Eula Mae Ladner, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton J. Ladner, Mr. John V. Ladner and Ms. Onelia Swilley, all of Pass Christian, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey Cameron Sr. and Mr. Jesse Swilley.

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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

During the year of 1998, there were many things happening in our community.

The year started out without too much fanfare and was moving along until the February storm which just about leveled every pier along Beach Boulevard.

The hurricane season was around for a very long time with Hurricane Georges putting the fear of God into us all until it struck land a few miles to the east, giving Hancock County a glancing blow.

We were very lucky in the small amount of damage received compared to what Jackson and Harrison Counties received. We did get some damage, but it was very minor in comparison.

On the environmental side, more and more residents of the county were connected this year to central sewer systems, which is helping to clean up the Bay of St. Louis. We are well on our way on this issue, yet there still is more work to be done.

In the recreational area, the long-awaited extension of the Garfield Ladner Memorial Fishing Pier was completed. Now, fishing is even better at the popular fishing spot in Waveland.

Groundbreaking was held for the Bayou Caddy Marina which is now well underway. This project was envisioned by a previous board of supervisors several years ago, and came out of the ground during 1998.

Ground clearing was completed on the Hancock County Equine & Livestock Facility on the Kiln-Dedeaux Road followed by a groundbreaking for the Multipurpose Building.

This facility was also in the making for several years and it looks like it will be in use before the end of 1999. This facility should really prove its worth in so many ways for our county for many years to come.

Groundbreaking was also held for a new library in Kiln. The library outgrew the facility now in use.

A library facility in Pearlinton is also underway, and this is a joint effort between the county library system and county school district. It is my understanding it will be a first partnership of this type in the state.

The bringing of more industry to the old Army Ammunition Plant at the John C. Stennis Space Center during the year was also good news to many in the area.

A big, big boost to the area's industrial development is the coming on-line of Wellman's first resin line at Port Bienville, possibly before the end of 1998.

Also at Port Bienville the large addition to GE Plastics is another important industrial impact which is nearing completion.

At Port Bienville too, there was the construction and dedication of the county's training center.

A record number of tourist visits to our communities was recorded in 1998. This, too, is a big economic boost for business.

Let us not forget our youth. Construction is well on its way in both the Hancock County and Bay-Waveland School District with crisp new facilities which will be in use in the near future.

The youth who attend these schools will be our leaders of tomorrow.

These are just a few of the things that happened in Hancock County during 1998 and we are looking forward to 1999.

Working together, everyone can overcome just about any roadblock which may get in the way.

Let us keep Hancock County moving forward, and by the year 2000, we can really be rolling along.

Congratulations are in order for Ms. Celestine Labat of Bay St. Louis, who also celebrated her 100th birthday during the month of December.

A lifelong long resident of Bay St. Louis Ms. Labat is a retired school teacher and her family is among the pioneering families of Bay St. Louis.

Many of the older homes in Bay St. Louis were constructed by her late father, in addition to St. Rose De-Lima Catholic Church.

Best wishes in the years to come for Ms. Labat.

TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant
SCHOOLS

Q May school districts use the Small Purchase Procurement Card established by the Department of Finance and Administration to make purchases under \$1,500 without the use of a purchase order?

A Yes. In accordance with purchasing guidelines established by the Financial Accounting Manual for Mississippi Public School District, "school boards shall establish policies concerning school districts purchases. Included in these policies, the board shall identify those items, if any, it is exempting from purchase order requirements."

Small Purchase Procurement Cards may be included in an exemption to purchase order requirements subject to restrictions and controls established by the board including the amount of purchase allowed to

be made by such card.

Q Does Section 37-7-307 authorize a district employee to donate a portion of his/her unused personal or sick leave to another employee when the donee is absent from work due to a death in the immediate family?

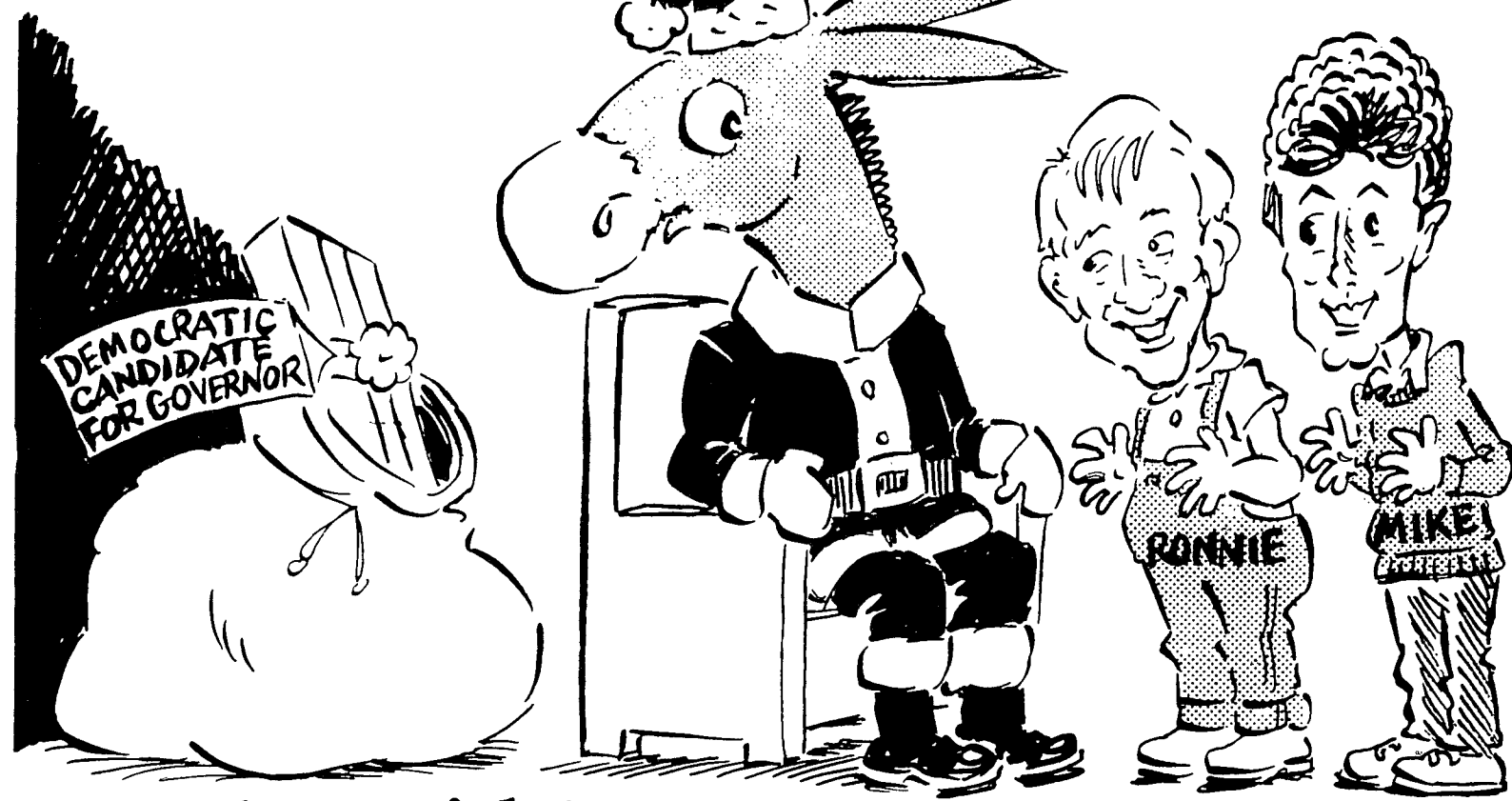
No. There is no provision for the donation of leave in the event of death. (Attorney General's opinion to Boris dated Oct. 16, 1998).

Q May the estate of a deceased employee donate unused accumulated sick leave or personal leave to another district employee?

A Upon retirement or death a certain amount of unused leave converts to a lump sum payment and the remainder is credited to PERS as creditable service.

Upon this conversion the leave is no longer available to be donated. (Attorney General's opinion to Boris dated Oct. 16, 1998).

THERE'S ONLY ONE



How is the Legislature going to spend 3.36 billion dollars in 1999?

By Marshall Bennett, State Treasurer

General Fund revenue for fiscal year 2000 is estimated at \$3.36 billion, an increase of 4.6 percent, or \$146.4 million over revenues estimate for fiscal year 1999.

Under the Budget Reform Act of 1992, total expenditures proposed within both the legislative and executive budget recommendations cannot exceed and amount equal of 98 percent of the General Fund revenue estimate plus an unencumbered General Fund balance.

The recommended total appropriations include \$196.6 million of legislatively and federally mandated built-ins. Among these are:

(1) funding of the third year of a 3 percent salary increase for K-12 teachers and university and junior/community college faculty and staff;

(2) funding for the third year of the five-year Adequate Education Program;

(3) funding for a new psychiatric hospital in north Mississippi and south Mississippi through the Department of Mental Health;

(4) new prison operations and county regional jails through the Department of Corrections;

(5) Medicaid program growth;

(6) funding for the final year of the three-year expansion of the Bureau of Narcotics with the goal of providing two agents per county; and

(7) funding for debt service on additional bonds expected to be issued by the State Bond Commission.

1999 will close the most economically prosperous decade in Mississippi history, partly due to financial circumstance, but largely due to prudence and planning by state and local officials.

Through continued efforts to wisely conserve our resources while providing a vision for our state, Mississippi has the potential to take a national leadership position in economic de-

velopment in the next decade.

Special issues facing the 1999 Legislature include funding recommendations of the Special Task Force for Economic Development Planning, which was endorsed \$2 million to be granted to the counties over the next two years for local planning; reviewing the state's role in supporting venture capital for business; and devising a long-range plan for Mississippi's windfall Tobacco Litigation Settlement Funds.

Education, crime reduction and economic development are the spending priorities for the 1999 Mississippi Legislature as lawmakers work to craft the legislation which will guide the state into the millennium. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee cited the three areas as funding targets in developing the \$3.3 billion General Fund budget.

An additional \$60.5 million has been earmarked as discretionary funding, primarily for educator land state employee pay raises, the Municipal Crime Prevention Program, Rural Fire Truck Acquisition, Workforce Training and expansion of CHIPS, the Children's Health Insurance Program. The priorities are based on areas of demonstrated need.

The University Research Center projects that personal income will increase at 4.9 percent in fiscal year 2000, slightly trailing the percentage increase for the nation. Keeping in mind the prosperity our state and the nation have enjoyed, the Center for Policy Research and Planning recently surveyed business executives in Mississippi.

Of those responding, over 88 percent believed the state's poor education base is a major workforce problem. Over 75 percent said a poor work ethic is problematic in the workforce. Education, technical training and personal responsibility were areas targeted for improvement in the workforce.

EYES ON MISSISSIPPI

By Bill Minor



Biography of Sen. Thurmond brings in Dixiecrat days

JACKSON—At his age of 96, it's hard to imagine that a tell-all biography could be written about Sen. Strom Thurmond, the Republican of South Carolina.

However, "Ole Strom," by ex-Ole Miss Journalism prof Jack Bass and Washington Post writer Marilyn Thompson, bears the caveat "An Unauthorized Biography" of Thurmond. Possibly the near-century-old South Carolinian just didn't want anything else written about him. Never liked the press anyway.

About the only "dirty secret" about Thurmond I could find in it was the likelihood a bit of miscegenation had crept into his early life as a good ol' Southern boy. A black strain of Thurmonds had been revealed back many years ago in the African-American press, but not taken seriously by the white press.

The tie-in this writer had to a particular phase in his 75 years of public life came in 1948, when Thurmond, then Democratic governor of South Carolina, became a prominent figure in the Dixiecrat revolution which was largely hatched in Mississippi.

Several times covering the doings of the Dixiecrats, I saw and heard Strom deliver his thundering rhetoric against "encroachment" by the federal government into states' rights. Although Thurmond was in denial back then, and apparently still is, the Dixiecrats were about race. His words of those days, which Bass and Thompson dutifully bring forth betray him. They drip with defiance of any effort to change the South's "way of life."

He told a cheering south-wide meeting in Jackson on May 10, 1948 that "all the bayonets of the army cannot force the Negro into our homes, our schools, our churches and our places of recreation and amusement." That message would often be repeated in coming weeks.

Thurmond was thrust onto the national scene for the first time when he wangled the presidential nomination from the Dixiecrat Convention in Birmingham in July, 1948. I happened to be sitting in a catbird seat to know about how Thurmond came to get the nod to head the third-party ticket.

With my old side-kick, Kenneth Toler of the Memphis Commercial Appeal, I was camped out in the hotel suite of then-Mississippi Gov. Fielding Wright, which turned out to be the Dixiecrat's nerve center to plan their course of came from one of Strom's few intimate friends, one-time GOP operative, Harry Dent, now devoted to religious work. Dent told Bass that Thurmond had asked him (Dent) to give his funeral eulogy "unless I

have to give yours."

Ponder that one.

Still Wright wouldn't take the top spot, but he agreed to take the second one. Late arrival Thurmond was glad to be the standard-bearer, and quickly won the nomination. He also got his picture on the cover of TIME magazine.

Actually, Thurmond, prior to vaulting on the Dixie stage as the voice for a new kind of secessionist movement had been somewhat of a liberal as South Carolina governor, as Bass and Thompson note. After newly elected in 1946, he called for end of the poll tax, a state minimum wage, and a broad new school program giving "more attention to Negro education."

Thurmond's political career after the Dixiecrat presidential run underscores how the so-called States' Rights movement was the launching pad for conversion of a Democrat solid South to what is arguably now a Republican solid South.

Elected to the U.S. Senate as a Democrat and soon an ardent foe of all civil rights bills, Thurmond neatly made the transition to the GOP in 1964, backing Barry Goldwater. By 1968 he became a main cog in Richard Nixon's "Southern strategy" to switch Dixie to the Republican side.

In these times when philanthropic solons in Washington has become the stuff of a virtual daily soap-opera, Bass and Thompson's "Ole Strom" gives a little glimpse into Thurmond's reputation among his fellows as something of a stud. That never really got out in the press.

But what is known in the record is that after his first wife died, in 1968 then at the age of 66, Thurmond married an 18-year-old South Carolina beauty queen, Nancy Moore. Somewhat remarkably, he sired four children with Nancy before she decided in 1991 on a separation.

The story of Thurmond having a black offspring evidently gained substantial credibility in the early 1980s when Thompson did extensive research and published a 4000-word story in the Washington Post. Thurmond shrugged it off, as he had done before when the "colored offspring" story cropped up.

Much of what Bass and Thompson dug up on Thurmond's unique personality action to bolt the Democratic Party. The modest, mild-mannered Wright was a favorite among the Southern leaders.

Most wanted Wright to head the ticket, but he pushed Arkansas Gov. Ben Laney as the right choice. However, Laney, after looking over the the rabid, wild-eyed bunch in the convention hall, packed his bags and went home.

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SPORTS

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Bird bands provide critical information

As a waterfowl enthusiast, one should do the best job possible to be a steward of the resource. One way to do this is to advise the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service of bands taken from ducks and geese which have been harvested during the season.

Each year, waterfowl are banded on both their wintering and breeding grounds. Information such as age, species, sex and physical condition are recorded at the time of banding.

Bird banding provides a means to gather important data which is used in waterfowl management not only on the breeding grounds, but on the wintering grounds, such as Mississippi.

Migration routes, life span, population dynamics, survival rates and harvest figures are just a few of the management tools derived from reported bands.

A common place to find duck bands is on the duck call lanyards of avid waterfowl enthusiasts from all across the country. Whether this is a status symbol, a tribute to waterfowl or a simple show of success in the waterfowl fraternity, it has been passed down through history as a part of waterfowling.

One does not have return his or her bands to report them. A simple phone call advising the band numbers and letters, date and location of harvest and name of the hunter who harvested the bird will be all that is needed to report the band.

According to Clarke Reed, chairman of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation, or Wildlife Mississippi as it is commonly called, "Waterfowl enthusiasts who report bands are helping to ensure that sufficient numbers of waterfowl will survive for the enjoyment of all waterfowl enthusiasts."

"So do your part and report all bands. In the past, many people did not report them, but they thought they had to send in the band. That was, and still is, far from the truth. It is as simple as calling a number."

The number to call to report bands is (301) 498-0204.

Council to take final action on fisheries act

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will meet Jan. 11-15 at the Isle of Capri Crowne Plaza, 151 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi.

At the meeting the Council will review and take final action on the draft Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) Amendment and a Gag Regulatory Amendment Options Paper.

The SFA Amendment includes alternative management measures for reporting by catch by Gulf fishermen, for minimizing bycatch or bycatch mortality, for specifying higher standards for overfishing criteria that will restore fishery stocks to maximum sustainable yield (MSY), for rebuilding periods for overfished stocks (e.g.,

red snapper, king mackerel and red drum) and a section identifying communities economically dependent on fishing.

The Gag Amendment includes alternatives for specification of a total allowable catch (TAC) for gag; minimum size limit increase for gag and black grouper from 20 to 24 inches total length; a two-fish recreational bag limit for gag as part of the existing five aggregate grouper bag limit; a zero bag limit of gag for the captain and crew of for-hire vessels.

Public testimony before the Council on these draft amendments is scheduled to begin at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13.

Baseball coaches needed

Waveland Little League is looking for coaches for the 1999 baseball season. Applications are now being taken.

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Please call after 6 p.m. All applicants will be interviewed.

Pass Isles announces golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association announces Dec. 8 Texas Scramble results:

First: Pat Ellis, Joyce Kegan, Joan Anderson, Marie McKeough

Second: Lori Jacobson, Pat Warman, Mary Jo Delligatti, Marilyn Wild

Third: Kitty Young, Kay Wingate, Helen Farrell, Pat Miramon

Fourth: Sara Schexnaydre, Joan Hart, Marie Bolton, Cathrine Baber

Fifth: Julie Hudson, Elaine Reese, Norma Kucera, Mary Ann Brennan

Dec. 15 low gross, low net results are:

First flight: low gross, Pat Ellis; low net, Lori Jacobson

Second flight: low gross, Dee Horst; low net, Mary Jo Delligatti

Antlers, not horns

By James L. Cummins Jr.

In many deer camps throughout Mississippi, it is not uncommon to hear someone refer to a whitetail buck's headgear as "horns." In reality those "horns" are actually antlers.

In fact, I even had to correct my father when he was defining a "rub" to my nephew, Parker, this past Thanksgiving. There is a difference.

Horns are made of a bony core covered by thin layers of keratin. Horns are slow growing and permanent and are usually grown by both sexes. Horns are also grown in yearly rings which may be an indicator of age.

Antlers, on the other hand, are made of fast growing bone and are shed every year (except in rare cases).

Antlers are usually grown only by males and are branched instead of singular like a cow horn.

White-tailed bucks in Mississippi grow their first set of antlers during the first 1½ years of their life and generally that first set of antlers are spikes.

Young deer are growing rapidly during this time and most of their nutritional intake is used in muscle and bone development. In cases where young deer have excellent sources of nutrition, it is not uncommon for a 1½-year-old deer to have six or maybe even eight points.

A whitetail buck's antlers begin to grow around June. During this growing period the antlers are covered in a soft skin which is called "velvet."

The velvet is made up of blood vessels which supply calcium,

phosphorus and protein to the growing antlers. By October the antlers are usually completely formed and are no longer growing.

When this occurs the blood vessels begin to dry up and the velvet detaches from the antlers.

Bucks speed up this process by rubbing their antlers on trees. This rubbing process also helps to polish the antlers and strengthen the buck's neck muscles which will be important during the rut.

A whitetail buck's antlers generally increase in size with each year of his life, dependent on availability of food and nutritional intake. After about 4 and 1/2 years, a buck's body will stop growing and almost all nutritional resources will go into antler development.

If a whitetail buck is allowed to mature to this age, this is when he can really grow some impressive antlers. Whitetail bucks in the wild will generally peak out around their 5 1/2 or 6 1/2 year and then on antler growth usually diminishes.

Around late February a buck will shed his antlers due to a change in hormone levels following the end of the rut. But these shed antlers do not go to waste. The shed antlers provide a rich source of nutrients (calcium and phosphorus) to small mammals such as squirrels, chipmunks and other rodents.

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Clarke Reed, chairman of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation, or Wildlife Missis-

sippi as it is commonly called, said, "Enforcement agents, both state and federal, are going to be more attentive to the tagging regulations this year."

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Programs — Ready for '99

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Roberts said a variety of courses were offered during the year, totaling over 100 different offerings in 1998. "Diversity will continue to be the key to program development in future sessions," she said. "New offerings in the January 1999 winter session will include Poetry, Puppy Kindergarten, Spread-sheet Basics, Internet Introduction, Intermediate Furniture Upholstery, a Y2K Awareness course, and two new (free) parent training courses."

Two special additions to the 1999 course offerings, according to Roberts, will include pa-

rent training sessions. The first is a one-night-only workshop teaching parents how to help their child prepare a science project, including science fair competition.

A second parent training course will offer training with the new "Study Pro" computers issued to Hancock High students. "Parents will bring their student's computer to class to learn how to best use the computer for the entire family," Roberts said.

Community Education Brochures will be delivered by the post office to every residence in

the county and both cities in mid-January, Roberts said. Registration for the January 1999 winter session is scheduled to begin Jan. 19 with classes beginning at Hancock High on Feb. 1, and at Bay High on Feb. 4. Adults interested in enrolling can follow registration instructions in the brochure.

Roberts suggested that adults registration at the earliest scheduled time. "Many courses, especially the popular computer courses, reach a maximum number and close quickly," she said.

Roberts reported recently to the Bay-Waveland School Board that several area employers participated in the 1998 fall and winter sessions by providing their employees' continuing education through the Community Education Program. The Community Education Office arranged payment by company check or purchase order.

Certificates of Completion were provided to all participants who successfully completed a course. Certificate verification was provided to those companies that offered continuing education reimbursement to their employees.

The Community Education Program also began a new partnership with local business and industry in 1998. Business partners will play an active and important role in adult education in Hancock County.

New sponsors already joining the Corporate Program are GE Plastics, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, and Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau.

Corporate partners will be acknowledged in each session brochure.

According to Roberts, corporate sponsors will also be invited to participate in the planning and development of courses and educational services.

Businesses interested in becoming a corporate sponsor or providing continuing education to their employees may contact the Community Education Office at (228) 467-3892.

Chamber board approves 1999 committee chairs

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's board of directors approved a slate of committee chairs, submitted by president Teri Wiley at its Monday meeting.

The committee chairs are: Paul Guichet, Economic Development; Julie Easter, Education; K-12, and Dr. Gaynell Roberts, Education, post-secondary and vocational; Ron Magee, Environment; Ellis C. Cuevas, Beautification; Raymos McMillon, Member Ser-

vices; and Jody Compretta, Ambassadors.

The Education Committee was divided into two sections because of the vast area covered, Wiley said.

The Ambassadors Committee which had been inactive for several years has been reactivated.

The 1999 officers of the chamber are: Wiley, president; Dusty Rhodes, vice-president; and Herb Dubuison treasurer.

The chamber's elected board also includes, Jon E. Ritten,

past-president, Jay Lagasse, Catherine Green-Dotson, Dr. Frank Conaway, Brehm Bell, Amy Corr, Ellis C. Cuevas, Paul Guichet, Anne Mann, Hal Walters, Patrick Wild, and Harry Wilson.

The president's appointed board members are, Janet McQueen, Bill Lady, Keith Mitchell and Raymos McMillon.

Student directors are, Mary Frances Ladner, Our Lady Academy; Mylon Labat, St. Stanislaus High; Andrea Sellier, Bay High School; and Tiffany Lee, Hancock High School.

Coast Electric sends storm assistance

Coast Electric Power Association has responded to a call for assistance due to the ice storm in North Mississippi.

Twenty Coast Electric employees from the construction, line clearance, and service departments were dispatched Thursday to help restore power to the customers in the Four County Power Association service territory in Columbus, Mississippi.

"Four County Electric was kind enough to send service personnel to help us with the Hur-

ricane Georges restoration and we are glad to be able to return the favor," stated Coast Electric's Manager of Engineering and District Operations

Steve Pitzer. "We especially appreciate the dedication of our employees who will miss Christmas celebrations with their families."

Adult Literary Education

The Hancock County Library System sponsors an Adult Literacy Education Program at the Waveland Library Center, 333 Coleman Avenue, Waveland.

Classes provided include GED, basic skills, reading one-on-one,

reading classes and more.

Day classes are Monday through Thursday. Evening classes are Mondays and Thursdays.

To register or for information, call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.



Winning tree

The Hancock County School District recently received the second place youth award in the Hancock County Library System's Holiday Tree Gala. Seventh and eighth grade students from Dorothy Stewart's classroom at Hancock Jr./Sr. High helped to decorate the tree with ornaments, including compact disks, floppy disks, laptops and other technology-related items, that were hand-made by students in various grades throughout the district.

Survey — Looking ahead

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Gregory said the nicest affirmation that came from the survey, conducted door-to-door by committee members led by Economic Development Committee Chair, Raymos McMillon, was that out of the small sampling of businesses and industries, over 4,000 employees were represented by the respondents. "This is a striking difference from the numbers we get out of Jackson when it comes to a demographic description of Hancock County," she said. "Hancock County is growing at such a phenomenal rate in every direction that the figures and projections economists used to describe us don't do us

justice. They are obsolete. It is all the more reason we need to produce a clear and precise view of the county for economic developers and industrial recruiters to use."

The survey results indicated favorable views of the educational and training opportunities for both employees and their families. Respondents viewed the quality of life through medical services, fire and police protection and activities as good.

The unemployment rate for the county from 1987 to 1998 has dropped from 13.17 percent to 3.7 percent. The major

source of income comes from the service and governmental industries. Retail sales have increased from \$165 million in 1987 to \$293 million in 1998.

Gregory and the Chamber received a \$5,000 BellSouth Grant last year to produce two publications. A portion of the grant was used to fund the current brochure and the remainder, along with help from the Port and Harbor Commission, will be used in the publication of the viewbook.

Copies of the brochure are available at the Chamber of Commerce Offices, 412 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis or call 228-467-9048.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Make a few investing resolutions

This is the time of year when magazines and newspapers publish year-end reviews highlighting major news stories of the past 12 months. Destined for this year's list is the mid-summer U.S. stock market correction.

Reading about how Wall Street fared in 1998 should prompt us to conduct our own financial annual review. You may know how your investments weathered the market downturns, but do you know how to prepare for whatever the new year brings to investors? Start by ringing in 1999 with the following investing resolutions:

I will look for long-term growth. Review how well your portfolio has done over the past three years. Total your portfolio, and compare it with 1995. You may be pleasantly surprised to find that you're ahead from three years ago, despite short-term market downturns.

I will check my asset allocation. Should auld investments be forgot? Not according to the experts. Your portfolio requires regular checkups to ensure it is properly balanced among equities, bonds and cash. Despite recent market corrections, consistent gains over the past several years may still have created a larger percentage of stocks in your portfolio than

Builders group honored

At the recent installation of officers and Best in Mississippi Awards Banquet, hosted by the Home Builders Association of Mississippi, the Mississippi Coast Home Builders Association was awarded with the highest numerical increase for Category A — over 200 members — and highest percentage increase in Category A — over 200 members.

your original objectives called for. Check with an investment professional for your ideal percentages.

I will diversify among industries. By spreading your risk across several industries, you'll lessen the chance that a downturn in any single sector will severely impact your entire portfolio. Start with industries that are expected to post above-average growth in the next several years, such as consumer staples, financial services, health care and technology. Look for great companies within each industry. If you see prices dropping, get out your shopping list and buy some bargains.

I will check out international investments. Foreign markets have not performed as well as U.S. stocks for most of the past decade. The long, dry spells are discouraging, but since it is difficult to forecast which stock classes are going to do well, diversification is key. Since foreign markets are down now, this represents a great time to add international exposure to your portfolio. Invest in broad, professionally managed global mutual funds.

I will avoid fad stocks. Be wary of over-hyped, faddish stocks such as Internet companies. Stock prices for some of these companies have ballooned to unrealistic heights that have little to do with actual sales or profits. Stick with proven

companies that have thrived despite many market cycles.

I'll keep my focus, come what may. Rocky global markets could continue to buffet Wall Street.

Successful long-term investing requires the ability to stay focused and exercise a mental toughness when it comes to reading headlines about the stock market. Savvy

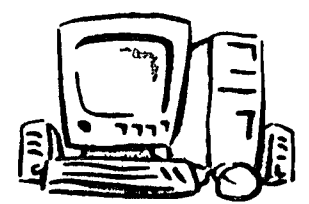
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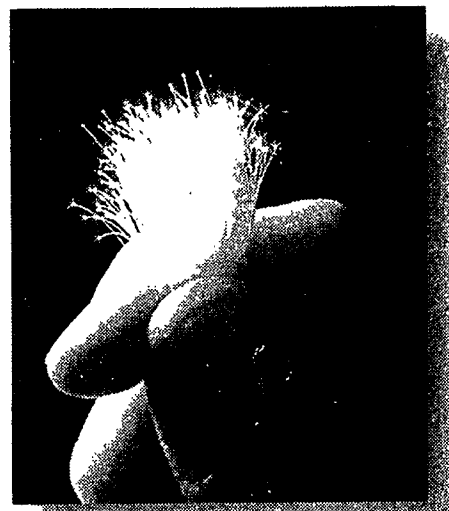
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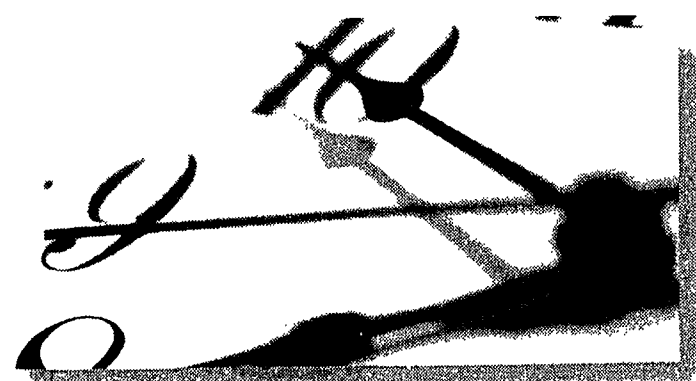
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Front row from left, Luci Funderburg and Jessica Mack. Back row from left, Terry Poore, Aaron Shockney, Molly Egloff and Michael Steele.



Front row from left, Erin Lymuel, Derek Lewis, Carissa Coffee, Tess Richardson and Johnny Kelly. Back row from left, Luke Boob, Daniel Spoon, David Mueller, E.J. Taylor, Devon Narcisse and Cathryn Lemon.



Front row from left, A.J. Nelson and Danica Patterson. Back row from left, Rosemary Gooding, Jasmine Jones, Cynthia Prevou, Sterling Lamastus and Brittany Adams.



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Front row from left, Charles Otis and Dustin Delhommer. Back row from left, Billy Phillips and Nadia Matoon.



Front row from left, John Rodriguez and Kayla Mioton. Back row from left, Amber Gex, Ashley Sylve and Deandra Ross.



From left, Clarence Shepard, Sarah Grant and Crystal Jones.

CLUBS, AUXILIARIES



Christmas dinner

The Waveland Civic Association recently held its annual Christmas dinner at the Hancock County Civic Center. Members and guests collected toys for the needy and food items for the Hancock County Food Pantry. Members include, from left, David Garcia, Bob McClure, Al Mailhes, Lawrence Freeman, Matt Lalla, Anthony Serio, Tommy Serio, Steve Garber, Jerry Melancon, Jim Odom, Richard Smith, Tommy Longo, Chuck Tippit, Kelvin Schulz, James Mumme, Jerry West, Gerald Dennis, Scott Peterson, Jay Fountain, Jeep Ladner and Tyrone Fountain.



New officers

At their Christmas party the Senior Citizens Club of Waveland installed new officers for the coming year. They are Hazel Fay Gowland, president; Aline Keating, vice president; Mercia Kaupp, secretary; and Ann Widden, treasurer. The Executive Board includes Al Mahe, Lionel Gerstner, Jerry Melancon, Royce Kaupp and Beverly Mahe. For the first time in its more than 30-year history, the club will have an all-female staff of officers. Officers were installed by former President Royce Kaupp. Participating in the installation were, from left, Beverly Mahe, Mercia Kaupp, Jerry Melancon, Hazel Fay Gowland, Aline Keating, Ann Widden, Royce Kaupp and Lionel Gerstner.

Diamondhead Garden Club

The next meeting of the Diamondhead Garden Club will be Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. The program will focus on preparation for the Spring Pilgrimage and Flower Show. Elements of floral design will be presented.

Gardens of the Month include:
Fairway Garden: Frank and Mary King 7823 Alawai Ave., #3 Pine

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Garden of the Month: Ed and Joan Moore, 9420 Makiki Drive

A recent termite inspection revealed some things that can invalidate the termite contract on your home. First, using undiluted bleach to get rid of mildew can cancel the effect of any chemical termite barrier applied to the ground near the foundation. Bleach may be used, but must be diluted.

Second, the preferred mulch to be used near your house is cypress bark or shavings. Pine bark or pine shavings will harbor termites and should be kept away from the foundation.

Also remember not to let any type of mulch pile up around the foundation of your home because that gives termites a path to the structural elements. Check with your own termite contractor for specifics.

Bay St. Louis Lodge No. 429, F & AM

Bay St. Louis Lodge 429 announces officers for the new year. Elected were H. Book Hopkins, W. M.; Earl (Pee Wee) Ladner Sr. W.; Brad Smith Jr. W.; Joey Everett, Sr. Deacon; Ralph Garcia, Jr. Deacon; Mike Necaise, Secretary; David Wiggins, Treasurer; and Mike Shiyou, Tiler.

All members and their guests are invited to an open installation on Saturday, Jan. 9. Refreshments at 6 p.m., Labor at 7 p.m.

MILITARY MENTIONS

LT CMDR WHEAT

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Steven P. Wheat, a 1976 graduate of Bay High School, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

Wheat was one of more than 5,000 Sailors and Marines aboard the ship, which returned to its home port of Everett, Wash., after leading the USS Abraham Lincoln Battle Group. The battle group was comprised of 10 tactical air squadrons, five surface combatants and two submarines.

Wheat joined the Navy in January 1984. He is a 1981 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a BS degree.

MILITARY MENTIONS

MAJ BARNES

Air Force Maj. Patrick Barnes has arrived for duty at Allied Forces Southern Europe, Naples, Italy.

Barnes, a media branch chief, is the son of Jesse L. and Jeanell D. Barnes of Pass Christian.

The major graduated in 1979 from Pass Christian High School and received a bachelor's degree in 1983 from the University of Southern Mississippi. He earned his master's degree in 1994 from Troy State University, Ala.

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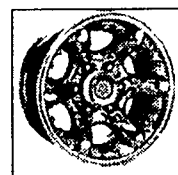
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Second best seller

Ed Lepoma, right, author of *A Passion for Life: the Story of Mary Mahoney and Her Old French House Restaurant*, presents a copy of his book to Max Johnson, center, and David Woodburn, left, for the Hancock County Library. Johnson is assistant director, and Woodburn is coordinator of public services. Lepoma's book, published by Quail Ridge Press, is reported as the second best seller along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. (Echo staff photo by B. R. Hawkins)

Universities, community colleges examine closer partnerships

More than 100 educators from Mississippi and eight other states took a close look at ways universities and community colleges can cooperate for the benefit of students during a two-day conference that concluded in Gulfport recently.

"Developing partnerships is more important than it ever has been," said Institutions of Higher Learning Commissioner Tom Layzell. "The public expects publicly supported institutions and agencies to work together to meet those needs."

Olson Ray, executive director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, said Mississippi's historic "capacity for creating dual systems" must not be a barrier to educational partnerships that can reach out to the state's diverse population.

"We have been paralyzed by poverty, but there is a world out there waiting for us to bring them opportunities..." he said. "We have not been as diverse and inclusive as we need to be..."

If we continue to squander our opportunities, it will be too late. State Sens. Tommy Moffett of Jackson County and Charles Young of Meridian joined the two educators at the opening session of the conference on "Developing Effective Partnerships Between Two-Year and Four-Year Colleges."

The discussion was moderated by Carol Aslanian of the College Board of New York — a non-profit association of more than 3,100 schools colleges and other educational organizations — which sponsored the conference in conjunction with IHL and SBCJC.

Young said the universities and community colleges, as well as the state's public schools, must work together and provide

the technology to "prepare our people from the cradle up to the Ph.D."

"The business community is demanding that our universities and community colleges get together to provide the curriculum to meet their needs..." The world is not going to wait for us," said Young, chairman of the state House Universities and Colleges Committee.

Moffett said legislators want to see the institutions "provide the best opportunities possible to the people of Mississippi" within the constraints of the state's available financial resources.

"That will take unprecedented cooperation between the two- and four-year institutions..." he said. "We're not the richest state in the nation. We need to see that we get efficient use of our money."

The conference drew 108 participants from Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

A variety of outside speakers provided examples of how institutions throughout the country are utilizing collaborative agreements and partnerships to increase student enrollment, expand off-campus programs and streamline distance learning systems.

Joseph E. Champagne, dean of the University Center at Macomb Community College in Clinton, Mich., a suburb of Detroit, portrayed the center's offering of 28 degree programs by five Detroit-area institutions as a model of a partnership that has paid big educational dividends for the 2,600 students it serves.

Under questioning by participants, however, Champagne noted that Macomb County taxpayers — not the state of Michigan — paid for construction and maintenance of the \$24 million complex that houses the center.

He said the governor of Michigan also provided about \$6 million in additional enrichment monies from a discretionary fund to help establish a professional development program as a part of the center.

Other speakers included Travis Spaulding of the University of Central Florida; Teri Hollander of the University System of Maryland; David Pierce of the American Association of Community Colleges; Howell Garner of Copiah-Lincoln Community College; and W. Frank McArthur of Delta State University.

Battered Women

Free counseling is offered for Hancock County women suffering from emotional or physical abuse. Gwen Beck, outreach coordinator with Gulf Coast Women's Center, is available each Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon at the Hancock County Youth Court building on Court Street.

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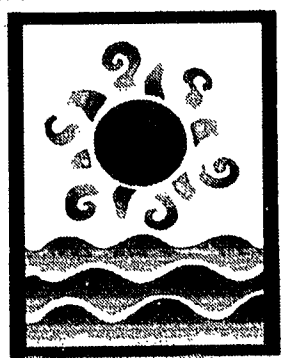
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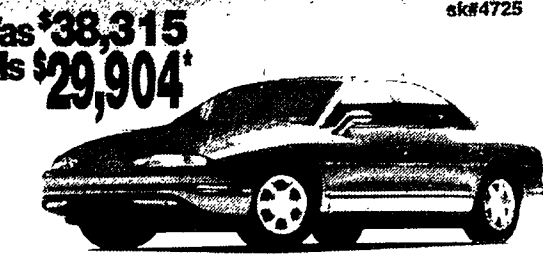
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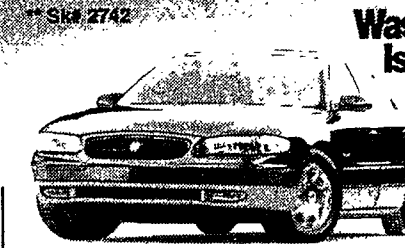
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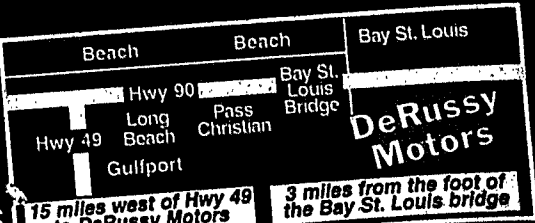
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BESTSELLERS

The Hancock County Library System reports the following books listed on the New York Times Bestseller List have been ordered by the system's libraries. The initials in parentheses following the descriptions stand for the library branch(es) at which the books are available: B=Bay-Waveland; K=Kiln; NA=Not Available.

FICTION

1. **A MAN IN FULL**, by Tom Wolfe. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$28.95) Life in Atlanta on the cusp of the millennium, as Old South values collide with a new world. (B)
2. **BAG OF BONES**, by Stephen King. (Scribner, \$28) A series of terrifying events besets a best-selling novelist four years after his wife's sudden death. (BWK)
3. **THE SIMPLE TRUTH**, by David Baldacci. (Warner, \$25) The appeal by a man serving a life sentence for murder creates chaos in Washington's legal community. (B)
4. **MIRROR IMAGE**, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$26.95) Identical twin sisters experience quite dissimilar lives. (BKW)
5. **WHEN THE WIND BLOWS**, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$25) A young girl helps a widow and an FBI agent uncover a deadly plot. (BKW)
6. **RAINBOW SIX**, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, \$27.95) John Clark, heading an international task force, investigates terrorist incidents in Switzerland, Germany and Spain. (BKW)
7. **THE POISONWOOD BIBLE**, by Barbara Kingsolver. (Harper Flamingo, \$26) Five female characters, a missionary's family, narrate this novel set in the Belgian Congo during that country's fight for independence. (BK)
8. **ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT**, by Mary Higgins Clark. (Simon & Schuster, \$17) The mystery of a missing child and a missing chalice is solved in time for Christmas. (BWK)
9. **THE VAMPIRE ARMAND**, by Anne Rice. (Knopf, \$26.95) The progress of an eternally young man from ancient Constantinople to contemporary New Orleans. (BK)
10. **TODAY I FEEL SILLY & OTHER MOODS THAT MAKE MY DAY**, by Jamie Lee Curtis. Illustrated by Laura Cornell. (Cotler/Harper Collins, \$15.95) The ever-changing moods of a young girl. (B)

NON-FICTION

1. **THE CENTURY**, by Peter Gennings. (Doubleday, \$60) An account of the 20th century complete with photographs and first-person narratives. (B)
2. **TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE**, by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday, \$19.95) A sportswriter tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door. (B)
3. **THE GREATEST GENERATION**, by Tom Brokaw. (Random House, \$24.95) A sportswriter tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door. (B)

4. **THE PROFESSOR AND THE MADMAN**, by Simon Winchester. (Haper Collins, \$23) How an American who was a certified lunatic and a murderer helped James Murray compile the Oxford English Dictionary. (B)
5. **CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD: Book 3**, by Neale Donald Walsch. (Hampton Roads, \$22.95) More discussions of moral questions. (B)
6. **BLIND MAN'S BLUFF**, by Sherry Sontag and Christopher Drew with Annette Lawrence Drew. (Public Affairs, \$25) American submarine espionage from the early cold war years to the present. (B)
7. **FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME**, by Michael Jordan, edited by Mark Vancil. (Crown, \$50) From college basketball star to NBA superstar: a profusely illustrated memoir. (B)
8. **THE AMERICAN CENTURY**, by Harold Evans with Gail Buckland and Kevin Baker. (Knopf, \$50) A copiously illustrated political history of the 20th century. (B)
9. **LINDBERGH**, by A. Scott Berg. (Putnam, \$30) The checked life of Charles A. Lindbergh. (B)
10. **A WALK IN THE WOODS**, by Bill Bryson. (Broadway, \$25) A journalist hikes the Appalachian Trail. (BK)

Advice, How-to and Miscellaneous

1. **THE 9 STEPS TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM**, by Suze Orman. (Crown, \$23) Practical and spiritual steps for managing your money. (B)
2. **THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS 1999**. (Guinness, \$24.95) An updated, profusely illustrated collection of records about subjects like sports and business. (B)
3. **ONE DAY MY SOUL JUST OPENED UP**, by Iyanla Vanzant. (Fireside/S&S, \$13) How to raise one's morale and realize one's ambitions. (B)
4. **IN THE MEANTIME**, by Iyanla Vanzant. (Simon & Schuster, \$23) Ways to find what you truly need, particularly "the love that you want." (K)

BIRTHS

ALEXA NICHOLE BOURGEOIS

Lisa Marie Reagin and Sean Daniel Bourgeois of Pearl River, La., announce the birth of a daughter, Alexa Nichole, December 1, 1998, at North-Shore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

LAURYN ELIZABETH KIDD

Mr. and Mrs. Trey Kidd of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Lauryn Elizabeth, December 12, 1998 at 7:56 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Laurie and Clement Ladner of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Ray and Jackie Kidd of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Ethel Pinkie Baxter, J. C. and Lillian Baxter and Nola Kingston King.

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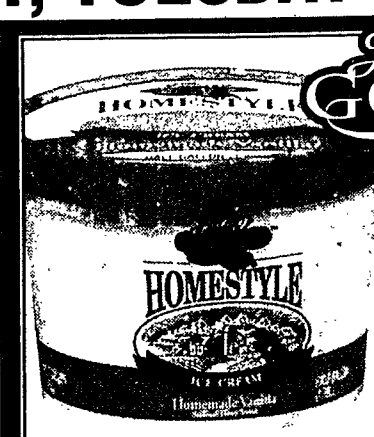
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Accepts check

The Department of Marine Resources on Monday presented Hancock County a check for \$225,027 in Tidelands funds for the coming year. The funds will be used mainly to continue work on the county marina. From left are State Sen. Scottie Cuevas, District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner, Board of Supervisors President Philip Moran and Joe Ziegler of the DMR.

Healthy resolutions you can actually keep

Does your New Year's resolution include getting in shape, exercising more, eating better? If so, make sure you set yourself up to succeed.

Each new year usually brings with it the resolutions we made last year but quickly abandoned.

"Many people yearly face the disappointment of sticking to a resolution for a short period of time and gradually going back to old habits," says Dr. Raul Coronado, chief medical officer for Mississippi Managed Care Network, Ridgeland.

"To get better results you have to change your thinking," Coronado said. He suggests making only a few health resolutions. Making so many vows that you can't remember any of them usually results in failure.

Coronado recommends first consulting with your doctor before beginning a new diet or exercise program. This will help you to set goals that are within your ability and reduce the chance of causing yourself serious physical harm.

Then, start slowly, setting small goals and gradually building toward your final goals. Your chances of sticking to your new routine will improve.

USM sets community art school

The University of Southern Mississippi College of Arts will present a community art school that will include sessions in ballet, creative movement, music play, repertory orchestra and Suzuki strings.

Ballet for Adults is a basic ballet technique class for women and men 18 and older. The course will be offered on Saturdays, Feb. 20-April 10, 10-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$100.

Creative Movement for Children — a class designed to help children explore movement to develop bodily awareness, and to enhance creativity and problem-solving — will be offered Saturdays, Feb. 13-April 3, 9-9:45 a.m. Cost is \$74.

Repertory Orchestra will provide initial orchestral experience to players with potential and serious interest in playing. The course will be offered Tuesdays, Jan. 12-May 11, 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$40.

Suzuki Strings for Young Children, a system of learning strings that is based on the principle that children can learn music in the same way that they can learn to speak their language, is offered Feb. 16-May 18. Time of course will be arranged. Cost is \$150.

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Dr. Coronado suggests the following four resolutions:

1. Start exercising. Consistent, regular exercise is key to improved health and fitness.

- Make an appointment with yourself to exercise. Schedule the time and make it a priority.

- Make exercising a habit. Remember: one day of the exercise routine easily turns into two days off the exercise routine.

- Try a range of different exercises before you decide exercising isn't for you. Just like our tastes in shoes, people have different tastes in exercises.

- Meet friends outside in a city park for a walk instead of sitting down to a three-course meal.

2. Stop dieting! Dedicate yourself to trying to eat well every day.

- Slowly change food choices for the better and control portions by learning to eat before you get too hungry.

- Include more plant foods in your eating plan. Try substituting beans in meat-based dishes to provide protein without added fat.

3. Create a healthy mind. A healthy mind leads to a healthy body.

- Reduce stress. Stress can cause you to crave unhealthy foods and too much alcohol.

- Reduce the amount of caffeine you consume. You can reduce a lot of stress by switching to decaffeinated coffee for a portion of your daily intake.

4. Quit smoking. It's official, smoking kills.

- Stop carrying cigarettes

with you at home or at work. Make them difficult to get.

- Get help kicking the habit. Get the National Cancer Institute's "Clearing the Air," a publication that guides you from thinking about stopping smoking through actually doing it — from the day you quit to quitting for keeps.

"Clearing the Air" is available by calling 1-800-4-CANCER or on the Internet at <http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov>.

When working to reach your goals, don't forget to reward yourself for accomplishing them. If you lose five pounds, treat yourself to a new outfit or a massage.

It's also important to stay focused in spite of set-backs. Just because you miss a couple of workouts doesn't mean you've failed. Don't get discouraged.

"Keeping New Year's resolutions is easier if you make changes that incorporate healthy living into your everyday schedule. Leading a healthy lifestyle doesn't mean you have to live at the gym," said Coronado.

If you need a friendly reminder to keep you on track, Resolutions@hispire.com offers a free reminder service that will email you every month to remind you of your resolutions.

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North Bay teacher presents project

Mary Kay Deen of North Bay Elementary presented an informational session at a recent national meeting of writing project sites, associated with the Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute headquartered at Mississippi State University.

Formed in 1985, the institute has sites at seven public universities around the state and is part of the National Writing Project, which involves teachers in using writing as a way to improve learning in the nation's schools.

At a Nashville meeting held in conjunction with the National Council of Teachers of English, the Mississippi project conducted sessions in teaching strategies for biology, algebra and history; integration of arts into writing programs; using writing to enhance reading instruction; and ways that writing projects can affect curriculum reform.

Sherry Swain, director of the Writing/Thinking Institute, also presented a session related to the Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration, congressional legislation that provides grants for schools to redesign themselves.

"The presentation focused on the ways that Mississippi is using writing to generate school-wide reform," she said.

Blood Pressure

Retired Senior Volunteer Program sponsors free blood pressure testing on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77, on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

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**Justice Court
Docket**

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McQueen Chad G., speeding, fined \$128.
Baker Keith, malicious mischief, not guilty.
Marziale Raymond, assault simple, 5 days suspended sentence, 6 months probation.
Shiyou Christopher, assault simple, not guilty.
Stansbury Donald, PFD's no, fined \$102.
To Ba V., Wildlife Conservation violation, fined \$177.
Dolose Ryan Leo, skunk without observers, fined \$012.
Hernandez Elizabeth C., DUI 1st offense, no drivers license, no child restraint, wrong name.
Brown Barry P., DUI/drugs/other substances, dismissed.
Smith Gabriel M., reckless driving, fined \$88, no drivers license, fined \$64.
Abba Steven J., no tag, fined \$93.50.
Hazelwood Gregory L., expired tag, fined \$93.50.
Normand Corina K., expired drivers license, fined \$64.
Carver Lawrence E. Jr., speeding, fined \$68, tint law violation, fined \$64.
Lebuono Cosimo Joseph, no drivers license, expired sticker, not guilty.
Martin Rachael, no drivers license, affidavit withdrawn.
Pearce Jimmy Lynn, no drivers license, fined \$100, improper equipment, fined \$100.
Mitchell Melissa, adultery, dismissed w/prejudice.
Burge Brad, assault/aggravated, bound over to Grand Jury.
Pope Walter D., larceny/grand, dismissed.
Allen Steve, disturbing the peace, two counts; disturbance of family, two counts; assault/simple, passed to file; trespassing, fined \$203.50.
Page Kenny, trespassing, not guilty.
Petratos Demetrios, trespassing, not guilty.
Ballard Darlene M., DUI 2nd offense, credit to time served, driving license suspended, dismissed.
Spicer Misty, speeding, fined \$88.
Lincoln Shelly R., speeding, fined \$88.
Talley Kimberly Kay, speeding, fined \$108.
Martin Faith Waters, improper equipment, fined \$72.
Porter Tubey, drunk/public, passed to file.
Johnson Kenneth W., DUI 3rd offense, waived preliminary hearing.
Hildreth Gary T., DUI 1st offense, fined \$483.
Bieller Wayne G., DUI 3rd offense, waived preliminary hearing.
Garcia Eugene, simple assault domestic, passed to file.
Garcia Eugene III, armed robbery, waived preliminary hearing.
Howe David C., simple assault domestic, not guilty.
Nelson Tommy, simple assault domestic, 6 months suspended sentence, no violation for 2 years.
LaFontaine Russell, simple assault domestic, passed to file.
Hildreth Gary, resisting arrest, dismissed.
Garcia Horace, disorderly conduct, not guilty.
Jarvis June, disturbance of family, 30 days suspended sentence, 6 months probation.
Urquhart Lonnie, burglary, two counts, passed to file.
Shingle Howard, burglary, two counts, passed to file.
Medina Marc de la Mora, controlled substance, waived preliminary hearing.
Erison Vance, speeding, fined \$68.
Hux Philip E., speeding, fined \$68.
Lewis Don R., speeding, fined \$68, seatbelt violation, fined \$25.
Napolitano Louis John, no drivers license, fined \$64.
Shiyou Norman, larceny/grand, not bound over to Grand Jury.
McClain Tammy, assault/simple, not guilty.
Stacey William, larceny/grand, not bound over to Grand Jury; malicious mischief, passed to file.
Bannister Charles, assault/simple, not guilty.
Stacey William E., disturbance of family, passed to file.
Bieller Wayne, failed to dim headlight, driving license suspended, seatbelt violation, passed to file.
Hughes Michael W., expired sticker, not guilty.
Rushling Christopher K., speeding, fined \$88.
McManus Tara T., speeding, fined \$108.
Garcia Eugene J., no drivers license, seatbelt violation, no tag, passed to file.
Henrickson Richard L., speeding, fined \$68.
Garriga Mitchell L. II, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Dosssett Richard D., speeding, fined \$68.
McClave Scott Hansen, PFD's/no, fined \$102.
Necaise Michael J., fishing without license, fined \$102.
McCall John B. Jr., alligator, fined \$77, discharging a gun, dismissed.
Taylor Harold W., failure to stop for inspection, fined \$183.50.
Dodd Edgar R. Jr., DUI 3rd offense, waived preliminary hearing.
Hunnicut James R., DUI 1st offense, fined \$488, leaving the scene, dismissed.
Bourgeois Guy K., shrimp/violation, fined \$177.
Salser David M., reckless operation, fined \$102.
Willis Olivia J., careless driving, nonadjudicated.
Lee Thomas R., boating under influence, fined \$483.
Huger James M., speeding, fined \$143.
Dodd Edgar R. Jr., improper lane usage, driving license suspended, passed to file.
Bye Daniel Franklin, reckless driving, fined \$88.
Redford Kelly Lee, simple assault domestic, 6 months suspended sentence, 2 years probation.
Hynes Chris, assault/simple, not guilty.
Jones John Andre, larceny/grand, waived preliminary hearing.
Benvenitti Berry Lynne, false pretense, not bound over to Grand Jury.
Sauer Asa, assault/simple, not guilty.
Sims Jason, disturbance of family, 5 days suspended; contributing to delinquency, not guilty.
Lee Don Jr., trespassing, not guilty.
Acker Antino, trespassing, not guilty.
Smith Arthur, trespassing, not guilty.
Shaddix Richard, simple assault domestic, 6 months suspended sentence, 2 years probation.
Green Benjamin, trespassing, passed to file.
Green Roxy, trespassing, passed to file.
Shaddix Richard E., assault/aggravated, passed to file.
Haney Timothy Sr., assault/simple, 30 days suspended sentence, 1 year probation.
Thomas Chad D., boating under the influence, fined \$483.
Thomas Chad D., wildlife conservation violation, boat registration/none, dismissed.
Pacheco Jonathan, disorderly conduct, fined \$153.50.
Labat Aworey E., State Tax Comm. violation, fined \$133.50.
Dease Clyde Jr., speeding, fined \$93.
Elliott Thomas, sea trout undersized, fined \$177.
Martin J. G., speeding, fined \$88.
English Cory A., speeding, fined \$88.
Ledet Steven C., speeding, fined \$113.
Marshall Susan K., speeding, fined \$108.
Hamilton Richard, speeding, fined \$108.
Mitchell Mary W., speeding, fined \$108.
Billiot Elizabeth V., speeding, fined \$108.
Lyne Guillermo R. III, speeding, fined \$113.
Younger David J., speeding, fined \$128.
Vallee Shane L., speeding, fined \$128.
Terreson Lynda G., speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Hayek Aaron F., speeding, fined \$133.
West Christopher J., speeding, fined \$148.
Castillo Sergio F., speeding, fined \$148.
Reed Robert S., expired sticker, fined \$49.
Craft Oscar C., speeding, fined \$108; driving license suspended, fined \$239.
Dale Wilbert, DUI 1st offense, credit to time served.
Dena Ramiz, DUI 1st offense, fined \$488; no drivers license, expired sticker, seatbelt violation, dismissed.
Gidewell Joel B., DUI 2nd offense, fined \$838; driving license suspended, fined \$395.
West Little Joe, sexual battery, passed to file.
Sullivan Donna, disorderly conduct, fined \$128.50.
Breaux Wayne, disturbance of family, 6 months suspended sentence, 2 years probation.
Marie Sally, disturbance of family, 6 months suspended sentence, 2 years probation.
Shaneyfelt Blanca, disorderly conduct, fined \$128.50.
Shiyou Christopher, disorderly conduct, fined \$128.50.
Spiers Mark, disturbance of family, not guilty.
Parsons Elmer Cardie, driving license suspended, fined \$395.
Meyers Adolph, ran stop sign, not guilty.
Brignac Travis D., improper equipment, fined \$64, seatbelt violation, fined \$25.
Faulk Eugene Jr., operate over-size vehicle, fined \$133.50.
Wys Michael D., Public Service Comm. violation, fined \$108.50; failure to stop for inspection, fined \$1,083.60; false information, fined \$133.50; State Tax Comm. violation, fined \$133.50.
Rutherford Randall, disturbance of family, not guilty.
Cospolich Randy, assault/simple, fined \$153.50; disturbance of family, fined \$183.50.
Ladner Kendall J., speeding, fined \$68.
Barnum Joseph C., speeding, fined \$88.
Callahan Maria R., speeding, fined \$88.
Hoff Robert A. III, speeding, fined \$108.
Cordes Michael G., speeding, fined \$113.
Bauer Ernest L., speeding, fined \$143.
Dailey Nicholas A., controlled substance, waived preliminary hearing.
Costello David, speeding, fined \$148.
Watkins James R., expired sticker, no tag, dismissed; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.
Blache Christine A., no sticker, not guilty; no drivers license, not guilty.
Ellis Joshua A., speeding, fined \$68.
Carriere Sandra Z., speeding, fined \$68.
Lenior Timothy R., speeding, fined \$68.
Dixon Kelli M., speeding, not guilty.
Bauxet August, speeding, fined \$68; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.
Myers David W., speeding, fined \$88.
Castro Alex Jr., speeding, fined \$88.
Hudson Christopher Wayne, speeding, fined \$88.
Carpenter Richard A., speeding, fined \$108.
Lancelin Colby Titus, speeding, fined \$108.
Anderson Jeremiah J., speeding, fined \$108.
Finn Marian Dangle, speeding, fined \$108.
Klein Louis H., refresh violation, fined \$177.
LaFontaine Russell, disorderly conduct, fined \$356.50.
Carter Ruth A., DUI 1st offense, fined \$483, tag violation, dismissed.
Robichaux Ralph P., driving license suspended, fined \$239.
Vizzini Joseph A. Jr., careless driving, fined \$48.
Werkheiser Harry A., no drivers license, fined \$64.
Page Kenneth Wayne, driving license suspended, fined \$244.
Shaw Raymond D., DUI 1st offense, fined \$483; reckless driving, dismissed.
Fairley John M., operate over-size vehicle, fined \$133.50.
Bonano Jessica L., speeding, seatbelt violation, nonadjudicated.
Creel Larry W., speeding, fined \$73.
Buras Wilfred G., speeding, fined \$73.
Brignac Christopher M., speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Cain Jason Z., speeding, fined \$73.
Collins Joseph M., speeding, fined \$73.
Sprouse Roger E. II, speeding, fined \$73.
Brunson Tonya A., speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Ledoux Mark E., speeding, fined \$73.
Demarsh Gary L., speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Newkirk Angela, speeding, fined \$73.
Davis Alan T., speeding, fined \$88.
Surla Shelly L., speeding, fined \$113.
Peters Charles J., speeding, fined \$113.
Erickson Stephen A., speeding, fined \$133.
Brouson Clayton S. II, driving license suspended, fined \$395.

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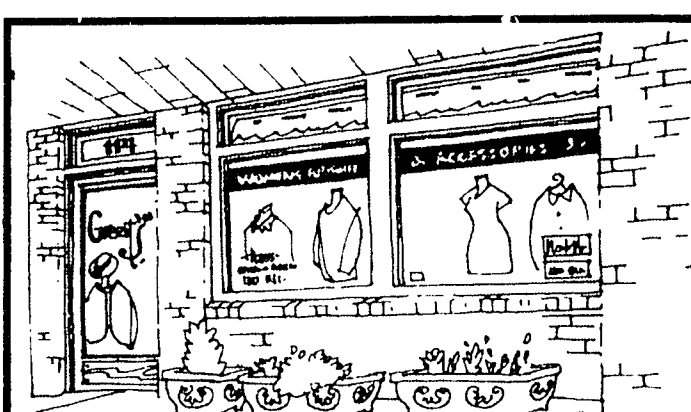
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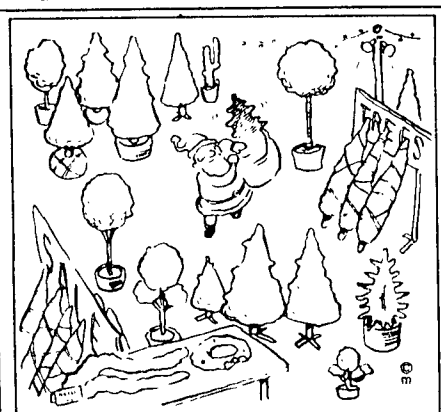
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REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome
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In a recent interview, Dr. Joyce Brothers pooh-poohed the time-honored belief that the holidays are the main hotbed of sadness and depression. It seems to be a universal perception that many more people are depressed during the holidays.

Dr. Brothers claims this misperception resulted from a hurried interpretation some years ago of letters sent at Christmas time to a counseling agency. Those letters from the disconsolate were far more numerous than the agency expected.

Therefore, the same disproportion, she says, was attributed to the entire country without verifying any numbers. Thus, supposedly, was born the myth of the holiday blues.

I marvel that the good doctor's experience with the holiday blues is so very different from mine and, apparently, from that of the counselors with whom I have discussed the holiday blues over the years. It's out there, real and heavy.

First, there are undeniable facts of life at work here. As the

shadows of our life lengthen with our fading years, the circle of the death anniversary reaction grows bigger, in stride with more of our dear ones going on to glory.

It is simple arithmetic unfolding. Even with the positive uplift by our faith in resurrection spearheaded by Jesus, the anniversary syndrome takes its toll a bit more each year. Each plus in deaths equals a minus in holiday joy.

Figurative death plays almost as big a role here as physical death. In fact, broken relationships, separations and animosities frequently cause more pain than physical death. It is all a part of the melancholy mix called the holiday blues.

A familiar call comes every year just before Thanksgiving Day: "I need to talk to you." Invariably, that call is from the first of the Christmas lights hatters. Other similar calls follow in due order within a few weeks.

Although most people like the holiday lights, numerous afflicted individuals dread them,

Holiday blues revisited

moaning, "I'll be so glad when all this is over, lights and all." For many, the lights seem to synthesize everything which they would like about Christmas if it were so, but all that is a mockery to them since it is not so.

What all of us tend to forget is the original rough side of Christmas. All the circumstances of the original Christmas warned us that, although this was indeed "tidings of great joy," it was equally fraught with the shadow of the cross.

"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted. And you yourself a sword shall pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35).

The hard truth is, Jesus was born to secure our redemption from sin and our resurrection to eternal life in his kingdom. We are much more in line with him now or at any time of the year when we ponder the resurrection of our loved ones.

So, the true story of Christmas is both one of great joy and one of considerable sadness. A touch of melancholy at Christ-

mas time is not far from the original touch at the time of the census in the town of Bethlehem.

Perhaps all of us are struggling a bit too hard in the wrong direction, trying to make Christmas what it is not. The joy of salvation and resurrection coexist with melancholy.

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Christmas celebration

Members of the Main Street United Methodist Youth Fellowship in Bay St. Louis are shown as they place the last decorations on the Christmas tree in the Multi-purpose Building. Following all the hard work, the youths had a party where they exchanged "secret Santa" presents. For information about the Main Street United Methodist Youth Fellowship program, contact the church office at 467-4538.



The St. Stanislaus Drama Club participants for the South Mississippi Drama Festival are, top row from left, Rod Olds, T. J. McKeough, David Billiot, Neil Norton, Chris Fine, John Sumner, Mary Ladner, Meghan Donohoe, Dennis Barter, Roxanne McCullough and Emily Taylor; bottom row, John Waterman, B. J. Peralta, Dustin Chatelain, and Andy Manieri.

St. Stanislaus Drama Club performs '12 Angry People'

The St. Stanislaus Drama Club participated in the South Mississippi Drama Festival at the University of Southern Mississippi Performing Arts Center Theater Dec. 5.

The club's performance of "12 Angry People" was well received. Senior Rod Olds, son of Linda Olds of Kenner; junior David Billiot, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Waldron Billiot of Bay St. Louis; and T. J. McKeough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry McKeough of Pass Christian, were named All-Star Cast.

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There is a relationship between the water of baptism, symbolizing God's work of cleansing from sin, and each of our lives. The connection is simple. If you are a baptized person, you always need to improve, live up to the sign placed upon you.

Perhaps you were baptized as an infant. The sign of God's work of cleansing, was placed upon you. You need to have the inner cleansing, the washing of regeneration and regeneration by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5), represented by that sign. You need to come to Christ for that cleansing.

Perhaps you are a person who went to church as a youngster. You were baptized as an adult. Now you have fallen away from

Baptism and the new year

Christ and His church. You bear the mark of God's work of grace in cleansing the human heart from sin. But your life denies your baptism. You really need cleansing from Christ.

No matter your stage in life, although the sign of God's cleansing work is upon you, the actual work of cleansing is not complete. You are not free from sin. You must strive to live more fully in accordance with your baptism, the sign of cleansing you bear. Make it your task to improve your baptism in the coming year. Make it your goal to live more like the person God wants you to be.

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This week's clue, U equals M

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Luke 2:7 Copyright 1998 Charles Marx 98-32



Advent

Robert Delcuze of Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis is shown lighting the second Advent candle as Bet Delcuze explains how Advent celebrates the birth of Jesus and the significance of lighting each of the four Advent candles. Each Sunday in Advent, a family from the congregation participated in part of the lighting of the Advent Wreath Service.

ST. ANN-ST. JOHN NEWS

Thoughts for meditation:
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But our greatest need was salvation, so God sent us a savior.

But God demonstrates His love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:8-11
Today, Christmas Eve, there will be a 4 p.m. Youth Mass at St. Ann Church. Christmas Vigil: There will also be a 6 p.m. Mass at St. John Church, Clermont Harbor. Christmas Vigil.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25, there will be an 8 a.m. Mass at St. John Church, Lakehome. Christmas Day there will be the regular 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Ann Church.

Saturday, there will be the regular 4 p.m. mass at St. Ann.
Sunday, Dec. 27, mass at St. Ann, 8 a.m.

Sunday mass at St. Ann, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 31, (New Year's Eve) 4 p.m. Mass New Year Vigil.

Friday, Jan. 1, 9 a.m. mass at St. John, Lakeshore.

The best Christmas gift of all is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up with one another.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6:10

Then let every heart keep Christmas within.

Christ's pity for sorrows, Christ's hatred for sin, Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right, everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight.

—Phillips Brooks
"Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace to men on whom favor rests."

Luke 2:14

BIRTHS

HAYDEN CONNER DUPUY

Mr. and Mrs. Marc Dupuy of Waveland announce the birth of their first child, Hayden Conner, December 16, 1998, at 5:20 p.m. at Slidell Memorial Hospital.

He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Mrs. Dupuy is the former Jennifer Tabor.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Asher and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Tabor of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dupuy of Waveland.

Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Watson Jones of Bay St. Louis, Mrs. Edith Tabor of Bay St. Louis and the late Wallace Tabor, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stephan of Pass Christian and Mr. and Mrs. Mansel Dupuy Sr. of Lacombe, La.

BRADLEY WAYNE PEREZ

Rosa Isela Alvarado Perez and Curtis Wayne McCullough of Steamboat Springs, Colo., announce the birth of a son, Bradley Wayne, November 26, 1998, at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Mrs. Holder is the former Tommie Lee Turnage.

TANNER LEE HOLDER

Tommie Lee and David DeWayne Holder of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a son, Tanner Lee, December 2, 1998, at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Mrs. Holder is the former Tommie Lee Turnage.

HUNTER DWAYNE TULLOS

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36 Special Notices

LOSE WEIGHT, FEEL GREAT, Thermolift. All natural, Free samples. Call 228-832-7305.

HELP PRISONERS NETWORK CRAFTS. For information write: J.A.R. Ministry, Attn. John, 7038 Webster, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520-8000.

WANT BRICKS. NO QUANTITY to small. Call 466-9062.

46 Home Improvement

ADDITIONS, REMODELING NICHOLS CONSTRUCTION. In business over 27 years. Commercial, residential, repairs. Bathrooms, kitchens, interior/exterior painting. Concrete work, References, licensed and bonded. 467-3130.

DAVIS REMODELING/CONSTRUCTION: Additions, remodeling, roofing & plumbing repair. Decks, patios & driveways. 15 yrs. experience. Call 467-2301 for free estimate.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR, ROOFING, carpentry, vinyl siding, additions, painting, masonry. Free estimates, licensed, bonded. Masin Hill 466-4877.

GIPSON'S HOME IMPROVEMENTS: 42 yr. resident, 25 yrs. experience, licensed, bonded, insured. Repairs, remodeling, additions, vinyl siding, cement work, stucco work. Bath rooms & kitchens. Free estimates, References. 467-3506.

JASPER FAUCETTA HOME IMPROVEMENTS: Established 1972. Residential, commercial, new homes, additions, remodeling, vinyl siding, roofing. All work guaranteed. Licensed, bonded, references. Free estimates. 467-5845.

PAINTING: RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL. Call 463-0831.

SONNY CUEVAS CONSTRUCTION: Additions, new construction, remodeling, roofing, painting, etc. Licensed and bonded, references. 30 years experience, free estimates. 466-9118.

46 Home Improvement

VINYL SIDING, ROOFING, REPLACEMENT windows. Licensed & bonded. Call Mr. Hicks. 467-7484.

56 Services Offered

AAA TRASH HAULING AND GRASS cutting. 467-1577 or 467-4266, anytime.

AA VINCENT'S DUMP TRUCK SERVICE: Fill dirt, sand, top soil, gravel. Dirt spread. 467-9273.

B & R DUMP TRUCK & TRACTOR SERVICE: Gravel, fill dirt, top soil. Lots cleared, dozer work. 466-4320.

BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY EARLY. Gutarman Band. 467-5865 or 467-3802.

BRAD'S DUMP TRUCK SERVICE: Fill dirt, sand, gravel, top soil & limestone. 467-6763.

BOBCAT SERVICE: Rent equipment with operator. Moving & leveling dirt, rocks. Call Steve. Free estimates. 255-2676.

BULKHEAD'S, BOAT DOCK'S, BOAT launches. 25 years experience. 463-9451, Joe Bourgeois.

DALE'S DIRT SERVICE: Tractor work, top-soil, yard sand, clay gravel, fill dirt, Limestone, gravel. 255-2656 or Beeper 516-2656.

DENNIS' ODD JOBS: Grass cutting, trash hauling, clean-up, small household jobs. Free estimates. 466-3126 or beeper 516-0588.

FILL DIRT, SAND, TOP SOIL & mulch. Small demolition (houses, concrete & trees). 601-255-4291 or pager 880-4711.

FREE ESTIMATES: INTERIOR PAINTING, wallpapering & borders. Call 228-463-0710.

HENLEY TIMBER COMPANY

We would like to buy your logs, poles, pulpwood and hardwood timber. Small tracts or large tracts.

255-3082

56 Services Offered

GRASS CUTTING, TREE TRIMMING and removal of trees. Trash hauling and garage clean out. Reliable service. Reasonable prices. Call Albert 467-0049.

GUN SHOP: GUNSMITH, SCOPES, ammunition, custom knives, holsters, cosignment, special orders, gift certificates. Mercedes Arms, 203 N. Second St., Bay St. Louis, MS. 467-1901.

HAVE YOUR CEMETARY PLOTS MANICURED twice a month for only \$15.00. For more information, call Tim Adam at 228-255-7611.

I BUY OLD CHRISTMAS TREES \$10 will pick up. 467-6122

JACKIE'S WALLPAPER SERVICE: New installation, repairs, sheetrock work and some painting. 463-9314

MAC'S HOME SERVICES: FOR ALL those little jobs nobody wants to do. Specialize small jobs or big. 300 different services. Also, housecleaning services. 463-1474 Bay St. Louis, cell phone 209-2482.

PART TIME HELP WANTED TO CLEAN houses. Monday thru Friday. Days only. Local resident with references. Call after 5p.m. 467-2406.

PERCY'S MARINE SERVICE, 903 Ship St., Waveland, Ms. 467-8058.

STEVE'S MARINE SERVICE. Outboard motor repairs & tune-ups. 1-228-255-2676.

SAUCIER'S DUMP TRUCK AND TRACTOR Service: fill dirt, top soil, sand, gravel. ALSO STUMPGRINDING & bushhogging. Free estimates. 467-4720.

SIDEWALKS, GARAGE SLABS, BOAT LAUNCH, grave slabs, driveways, patios. Clarence Taylor, Contractor. Licensed & bonded. 467-7220 or Beeper 466-1933.

SONNY'S DUMP TRUCK SERVICE: Fill dirt, top soil, sand, gravel, dirt spread & bushhog, haul trash. 255-7947.

TAYLOR CONCRETE CONTRACTING Slabs, driveways, sidewalks, patios, etc. Clarence Taylor, owner. Licensed & bonded. 467-7220 or Beeper 466-1933.

TOP NOTCH PAINTING AND Pressure washing. Services over 20 year experience. Free estimates. 466-3817.

WASH GRAVEL, \$15/yd. PEA GRAVEL, \$11.50/yd; top soil, \$11/yd., fill dirt, \$4.50/yd. Limestone \$24.50 per yard. Also sand. Call 255-1106

WATER WELL DRILLING: Pumps, tanks. Free estimates. 255-5811. State licensed.

WE CUT, CLIMB, AND PRUNE TREES. haul trash, clear lots, bushhog, haul fill and spread dirt. Also, firewood. Free estimates. 463-9075/pager 463-3857

WEST AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR: Open 6am-5pm, 7021 Hwy 90, BSL. 466-0212. Special prices on brake services, turn drums. Transportation provided.

58 Lawn & Garden

A CALL TO CHARLIE'S LAWN & YARD SERVICE: For Free estimates. Grass cutting, weed eating, trash hauling, etc. Call anytime. (601) 467-1577 or (601) 467-4266.

FOR GRASS CUTTING, trimming, clean-up, painting, and hauling trash away call 467-5626. Very reasonable prices.

RELIABLE LAWN SERVICE: YARDS cut, trimmed. References and free estimates. Call 467-2304.

63 Business Opportunities

PLANET BEACH, the largest, fastest growing tanning salon franchise in America is now expanding into the Bay St. Louis market. Location secured, looking for owner/investor. Call Russell @ 1-800-680-5916. www.planetbeach.com

73 Help Wanted

TIRE TOWN TEAM: One of South Mississippi's leading independent tire dealers has career opportunities for you. If you are an experienced tire technician, we want to talk to you. We offer a very competitive compensation program. Waveland, call Joe at 467-0095. Tire Town is an EEO, encouraging qualified females & minorities to apply.

73 Help Wanted

HELP WANTED. SALES, HANCOCK County area. Excellent income potential. High School diploma required, preferably college degree. Send resume to: Insurance Sales, P.O. Box 294, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

HELP WANTED: Earn up to \$500 per week assembling products at home. No experience. INFO 1-504-646-1700 DEPT. MS-290.

LEAD MAINTENANCE POSITION at apartment complex. Call 467-6882, between 9am-9pm.

NEEDED EXPERIENCED MECHANIC. Call Mike, 467-7005.

PARTIALLY DISABLED LADY NEEDS occasional help with typing business & personal correspondence. 467-1299.

81 Appliances

EXTRA LARGE UPRIGHT FREEZER, \$275. 255-0240.

NOW OPEN. APPLIANCE PARTS PLACE. Sales on new & used parts & appliances. Located on Hwy. 603, Div. of Dollar Rental. 467-9545.

REBUILT WASHERS AND DRYERS: Fully guaranteed. We have parts and do repair. We also buy used appliances. Bay Washers. 467-6122.

FOR SALE: REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, washers/dryers, OR rent to own, Dollar Rental. 467-9545.

83 Items For Sale

20 SQUARE POST 6"x6"x8", 5 round poles, lumber/variety sizes; 2x6's, 14' & 16', 3-cattle-gates, Motorola cellular 550 & accessories. Call 255-5999.

6 PIECE TAMA DRUM SET INCLUDES hardware, all Zildjian Syb., Gibraltar double bass. \$1,000. 467-5685.

HUFFY'S 18" BOYS BIKE, \$35. 463-0710.

DISH NETWORK SATELLITE SYSTEM "FREE"! Rebates and restrictions apply. Basic install \$49.00 or free self install kit. Call for details! American Rural Cable, Gulfport. 228-831-0086 or 800-832-3316.

FOR SALE: CARDIOGLIDE EXERCISE machine. Must sell! Asking \$100.00. Call 466-4868.

GUN SHOP: GUNSMITH, SCOPES, ammunition, custom knives, holsters, cosignment, special orders, gift certificates. Mercedes Arms, 203 N. Second St., Bay St. Louis, MS. 467-1901.

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(800) 796-1197

83 Items For Sale

MOBILE HOME, \$1,500 .77 Ford L T D II, 81 motor, runs great, \$500 467-6106

MUST SELL BEFORE YEAREND! Three undelivered arch steel buildings 16x20, 25x30, 30x54 Financing available. Great for backyard shops and garages. Call today 1-800-341-7007

POOL TABLE WITH ALL ACCESSORIES and new sticks. Excellent condition. For sale or trade for used car. 467-7515

PRIMESTAR INSTALLATION "S49 00" "No dish to buy or maintain", receive over \$100 in future savings including a free month of programming. *Rebates apply American Rural Cable, Gulfport 228-831-0086 or 800-832-3316.

TOKEN SLOT MACHINES. EXCELLENT condition, \$450. 463-1181 call after 5p m

85 Building Materials

CERAMIC TILE: Interceramic, Summitville, DAL, KPT. Laufen 500,000 sq ft in stock. Attention: Builders, Floormen, special prices, 88c sq ft. to \$1.80 sq ft. 1-800-233-6702. FLOOR STORE Slidell, 1725 Gause Blvd. off I-10, next to Smith & Jones. Buildmart

METAL ROOFING/SIDING - 6 colors galv. to 24ft. length, 38" wide-28 ga. galv. 99c ft. Colors, \$1.19 ft. V-crimp & corrug. 64c ft. Ridge cap, rake & corner, purlins \$1.00 ft. Roofing/Siding from \$14.90 sq. Warehouse Sales, Slidell, LA Exit 263 I-10 800-842-6646.

93 Yard Sale

DEADLINES FOR YARD, GARAGE SALES advertisements appearing in THURSDAY'S Editions of THE SEA COAST ECHO is 5 p.m. TUESDAY'S.

EVERYDAY IS SALE DAY AT YOUR Bay St. Louis Goodwill Store, Bay Mall Shopping Center, Dunbar & Highway 90, Mon. thru Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 467-7277.

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136 Automobiles

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1994 AT-RNINE 4 DOOR DAY. 108,000 miles, body & paint. Call 228-467-7411 after 5:00 p.m.

1994 AM WHITE. 108,000 miles, body & paint. Call 228-467-7411 after 5:00 p.m.

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152 Mobile Home Sites

IDEAL TRAILER PARK, RUELLA ST. B S L 1 trailer space available. 467-4594

158 Commercial Property

215 HIGHWAY 90, WAVELAND. Small building, excellent retail location in high traffic area. 467-0663

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Start the New Year Right With the Right Resolutions

By GARY WONG, M.D.

(PX) — The arrival of the new year is a natural time to evaluate the past and resolve how things should be in the future. Many people can find something about themselves they'd like to change for the better — usually it's breaking a habit of some kind and often it's something health related.

If you want to make some changes for 1999, remember the best way to break a bad habit is to replace it with a good one. Here are some ideas:

• **Assess your situation** — Is your health at risk because of your lifestyle? What are the health risks that you can reduce? (smoking, high blood pressure) What about yourself can you learn to enhance? (fitness, self-esteem)

• **Develop a plan** — Choose what to change, decide how to change and make a commitment to change. Begin your health-improvement plan in an area in which you're likely to succeed, and don't try to change more than one or two habits at a time.

• **Take action** — Carry out your plan. Take advantage of community resources (at local Y's and community centers or at your place of worship), or get a self-help manual on the area you have chosen. Join forces with a friend who shares your goal.

• **Have confidence that you can overcome obstacles** —

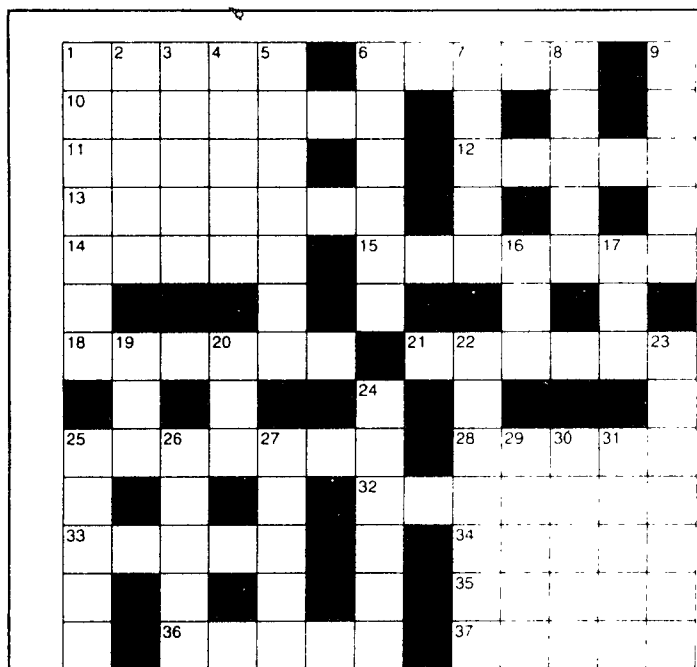
Reward yourself for your accomplishments, and take it one step at a time. It takes time to believe that a new, healthy habit is more rewarding than an old, unhealthy pattern.

Following are some areas where most people could stand some improvement and some possible methods for doing so:

• **Physical health** — Exercise three times a week — start by taking brisk walks. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Walk, don't ride, whenever possible. Reduce the fat in your diet, and increase the fruit and vegetables. Cut back or quit smoking.

• **Emotional health** — Reward and compliment yourself when you achieve a goal. Volunteer at the charity of your choice. Talk back when your inner voice says something negative. Find time for fun on a regular basis. Count your blessings. Make a list of people who love you and put it somewhere you'll see it often.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Parody
6. Paper—, art material
10. Musical composition
11. Excite
12. Stationed
13. City in Italy
14. City in Italy
15. Aircraft part
18. Surrender claim to
21. Changes state
25. Spanish city
28. Water chestnut
32. S. American nation
33. Bateleur, for one
34. Yucca, for one
35. Nuzzles
36. Chair designer
37. Business

CLUES DOWN

1. A fast horse, for one
2. Central, pivotal
3. Central Florida city
4. Musical composition
5. North Atlantic islands
6. Moses—, NBA star
7. Three-dimensional
8. Tripod
9. Provide
16. Government agency, abbrev.
17. Skeletal muscle, informal
19. Sense organ
20. —, Fleming
22. Freshman
23. Domestic cat
24. Fundamentals
25. Celts
26. Texas team member
27. At right angles to the center of a ship
29. Severity
30. Squash bugs
31. Surfaced

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

1. Spoof
6. Mache
10. Tocatta
11. Elate
12. Baved
13. Palermo
14. Prato
15. Nacelle
18. Remise
21. Reacts
25. Granada
28. Trapa
32. Surinam
33. Eagle
34. Agave
35. Noses
36. Eames
37. Trade

SOLUTIONS DOWN

1. Stepper
2. Polar
3. Ocala
4. Octet
5. Faeries
6. Malone
7. Cubic
8. Easel
9. Endue
16. EPA
17. Fat
19. Ear
20. Ian
22. Entrant
23. Siamese
24. Basics
25. Gaels
26. Aggie
27. Abcam
29. Rigor
30. Anasa
31. Paved

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Dec. 27-Jan. 2

ARIES — March 21/April 20

Your forceful manner makes an important business associate nervous. If you want to make progress in your dealings with him or her, don't be too aggressive. Try to tone it down. A loved one asks a favor of you. Even though you don't want to do it, say yes. He or she always has helped you out.

TAURUS — April 21/May 21

While all you want to do is relax at home this week, that's the one thing you won't be able to do. Taurus, several people put demands on your time, and you can't tell them no. Fulfill your obligations, and try to have fun. You'll have plenty of time to relax next week. Leo plays an important role on Tuesday.

GEMINI — May 22/June 21

You don't have much to do this week, Gemini. Enjoy it while you can. Take time to do the things that you haven't been able to do in a while. Get together with loved ones, and go shopping. Pamper yourself a little. You deserve it. That special someone has a surprise planned later in the week. Have a great time!

CANCER — June 22/July 22

When it comes to a family disagreement, you have to be the first one to make a concession. Don't feel defeated. You should be proud of yourself for making the first attempt at a reconciliation. Loved ones will be proud of you. An old flame wants to rekindle the romance. Don't fall into his or her spell again.

LEO — July 23/August 23

While you want the best, you just can't have it this week, Leo. You have too many financial concerns to splurge on yourself right now. Cut back a little. You'll be in a better situation soon. A close friend offers you an interesting proposition. Look at all of the pros and cons before you give him or her an answer.

VIRGO — Aug 24/Sept 22

You're on the go this week. There's a lot that you want to get done and very little time to do it. Take a deep breath, relax, and get organized. That's the only way to accomplish all of your goals right now. Capricorn plays a key role.

LIBRA — Sept 23/Oct 23

Don't let a tense business situation get you down. Try to stay cheerful by looking at the bright side of things. You have a lot going for you right now. Focus on that. An interesting person asks you out late in the week. Say yes, because this is the right one for you.

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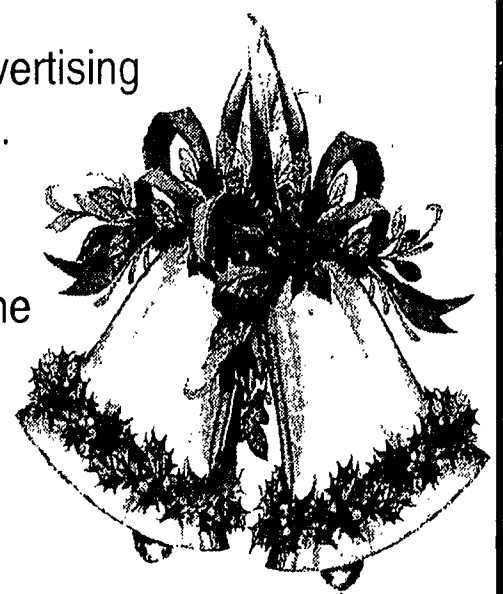
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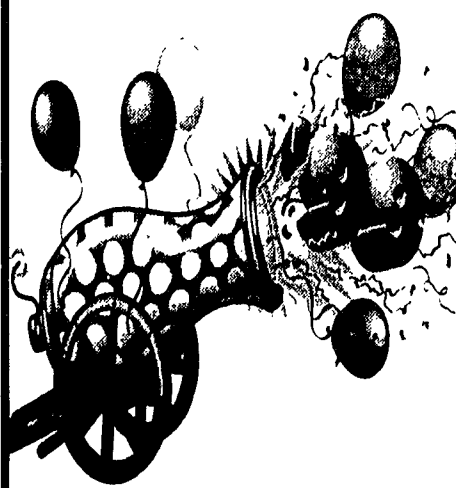
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